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14		MOTION AND MOTION OF TRUSTEE RICHARD A. MARSHACK
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The United States Trustee (hereinafter "U.S. Trustee") files this opposition ("Opposition") to the Chapter 11 Trustee's Notice of Motion and Motion for Entry of an Order (A) Approving Sale, Subject to Overbid, of Assets Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Interests Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(b) and (B) Approving Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and Other Agreements ("Sale Motion"), filed as Bankruptcy Docket Number 191. Through the Sale Motion, the Chapter 11 Trustee ("Trustee") seeks an order approving the sale of substantially all of the assets of LPG and the assumption and assignment of certain executory consumer contracts to Consumer Legal Group, P.C. ("CLG") pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA"). The U.S. Trustee opposes the Sale Motion for the reasons set forth below.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Trustee asserts that LPG's business must be sold because stopping LPG's activities would be harmful to the consumers. To the contrary, preventing the sale of the consumers' accounts and stopping LPG's business activities ensures that the consumers suffer no further harm and places the choice of provider, the services to be purchased, and the information to be shared firmly back into the consumer's hands, where it belongs. 1 It will also allow the monies that they have already paid, which are being held separately, to be returned to them, thereby at least beginning to redress the harm they have already suffered.

The Trustee, too, has not met his burden under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Trustee has failed to provide reasonable and adequate notice to consumers and has failed to show that a sound business purpose for the sale exists, that the purchase price is adequate, and that the sale is beneficial to the estate and to the consumers.

Further compounding these concerns are overarching privacy considerations regarding the maintenance and transfer of consumers' sensitive financial and personal information.

affirmatively opt-in to the sale rather than be bound by the new agreement simply for

take place, and what it means for inactive files which are not executory. In any event,

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failing to respond. The Trustee has failed to explain what "opt-out means", what needs to

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Code. Among other things, CLG is alleged to have assisted the Debtor with the unethical transfer of approximately 12,000 client files prior to the bankruptcy case.² And finally, the Trustee's conclusions about the PGX Holdings, Inc.³ bankruptcy case are irrelevant, and in any event, the objection deadline for that sale has not even passed.

Accordingly, the Sale Motion should be denied to protect the integrity of the bankruptcy system, all interested parties, and this Court, and for failing to meet the requirements of § 363.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The factual background of this bankruptcy case and the history of LPG, including its ownership and business operations, are set forth fully in the U.S. Trustee's Motion to Convert Case to Chapter 7 Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b) ("Conversion Motion") [filed July 12, 2023, Bankr. Dkt. #218]. *See* Conversion Motion, pg. 9-23. The full statement of facts in the Conversion Motion is incorporated by reference. Additional relevant facts to the Sale Motion follow.

another lawyer to violate the ethical rules.

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² Neither the Chapter 11 Trustee nor Consumer Legal Group has produced any evidence that the 12,000 clients were

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²⁵ notified 90 days prior to the transfer of the 12,000 client files to Consumer Legal Group. California State Bar Rule
1.17 requires clients to receive 90 days' notice prior to a transfer of client files. Rule 8.4 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct provides that "[i]t is professional misconduct for a lawyer to . . . assist, solicit, or induce"

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³ In re PGX Holdings, Inc., Case No. 23-10718 (Bankr. D. Del.)

On July 6, 2023, the Trustee filed (1) a Motion for Order Approving

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- Stipulation with Phoenix Law, PC ("Phoenix 9019 Motion") [Bankr. Dkt. #176] and (2) a Motion for Order Approving Stipulation with Consumer Legal Group, PC et. al. ("CLG 9019 Motion") [Bankr. Dkt. #178]. The U.S. Trustee opposed both these motions ("Rule 9019 Opposition") [Bankr. Dkt. #209]. The Court heard these motions on July 11, 2023. Both motions were continued to July 21, 2023, to be heard concurrently with the Sale Motion. 2. On July 7, 2023, the Trustee filed the instant Sale Motion [Bankr Dkt. #191].
- The Court has set a hearing on the Sale Motion for July 21, 2023. With the Sale Motion, the Trustee filed his declaration that attached the APA and the Modified Legal Service Agreement. See Declaration of Richard Marshack ("Marshack Decl.") [Bankr. Dkt. #191-1], Ex. 2 and 4, respectively.
- 3. On July 10, 2023, the Court issued an Order Requesting Additional Briefing re: Sale Motion ("Order") [Bankr. Dkt. #206]. In its order, the Court expressed deep concern over the legality and propriety of the operation of the Debtor's business. It requested, among other things, additional briefing with respect to the authority and ability of the Court to permit the sale under section 363 with an emphasis on the public policy concerns of "allowing a business utilizing questionable legal operations back into commerce without further restrictions and controls." See Order [Bankr. Dkt. #206].
- 4. In response to the Order, the U.S. Trustee filed his Response to the Order Requesting Additional Briefing re: Sale Motion ("Response Brief") [Bankr. Dkt. #259] (filed July 17, 2023).
- 5. On July 12, 2023, the U.S. Trustee filed his Conversion Motion [Bankr. Dkt. #218], which is set for hearing for August 10, 2023.⁴

⁴ To correct an error in filing, the U.S. Trustee refiled his Conversion Motion on July 13, 2023 [Bankr. Dkt. #232]. The pleading filed as Bankr. Dkt. #218 is identical to that filed as Bankr. Dkt. #232. Thus, the U.S. Trustee refers to Bankr. Dkt. #218 as the operative pleading.

- 6. On July 12, 2023, this Court entered an Order Directing the Appointment of a Consumer Privacy Ombudsman and Requiring Notice (the "PCO Order") [Bankr. Dkt. #226]. In the PCO Order, the Court directed the U.S. Trustee to appoint a consumer privacy ombudsman and provide timely notice of the Sale Motion to the appointed ombudsman. The U.S. Trustee appointed Lucy Thompson [Bankr Dkt. 251].
- 7. On July 17, 2023, the Court entered the Order Approving the Appointment of Lucy L. Thomson as the Consumer Privacy Ombudsman ("CPO"). [Bankr. Dkt. 253].
- 8. On July 17, 2023, the U.S. Trustee filed a Notice of Compliance of Court's Order Directing the Appointment of a Consumer Privacy Ombudsman and Requiring Notice [Bankr. Dkt. #255].

III. PRIOR PLEADINGS FILED BY U.S. TRUSTEE ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE TO SUPPORT THIS OPPOSITION

The U.S. Trustee has analyzed and briefed most of the issues supporting denial of this Sale Motion in the pleadings and briefs already filed: (1) Conversion Motion [Bankr. Dkt. #218]; (2) Rule 9019 Opposition [Bankr. Dkt. #209]; and (3) Response Brief [Bankr. Dkt. #259]. The Conversion Motion, Rule 9019 Opposition, and Response Brief are incorporated by reference.

The U.S. Trustee has also received letters from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation ("DFPI"), the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("PA-AG"), and the Office of the Attorney General for New York ("NY-AG") raising concerns about LPG's operation and the sale. True and accurate copies of the letters from CFPB, DFPI, PA-AG, and NY-AG are attached to the Response Brief as Exhibits "A" through "D," respectively, and are incorporated by reference. ⁵ Below is a summary of the prior pleadings filed by the U.S. Trustee and the arguments raised therein.

⁵ The U.S. Trustee attached these letters to its Response Brief to ensure transparency and in the interest of full disclosure.

A. CONVERSION MOTION

The U.S. Trustee's Conversion Motion [Bankr. Dkt. 218] explains why the Trustee should stop operating LPG's illegal consumer debt resolution business that was operated and controlled by a disbarred attorney. The business's income stems from the Legal Services Agreements, that were illegal and unconscionable under federal and state laws and, thus, void and unenforceable:

- The Legal Service Agreements provide for monthly fees paid to and collected by LPG prior to any services being provided to the consumer in violation of 16 C.F.R. § 310.4(a)(s) of the Telemarking Sales Rule ("TSR").
- The Legal Service Agreements provide for LPG to charge and receive money for removing debts from consumer's credit reports before such services were fully performed in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1679(b) of the Credit Repair Organization Act ("CROA").
- The Legal Service Agreements do not contain written disclosures informing consumers of their rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the CROA in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1679c(a)-(b) of the CROA.
- The statement in the Legal Service Agreements regarding cancellation rights is deficient from that required by CROA, and it is not bold and conspicuous, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1679e.
- The fees paid pursuant to the Legal Service Agreements are unconscionable under California law and the California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct.
- The Legal Service Agreements violate TSR and CROA, thereby also creating a violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200.
- LPG fails to comply with several California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to, Rule. 1.5 (illegal or unconscionable fees) and Rule 5.4 (illegal fee sharing).

See Conversion Motion, pg. 23-24, 27-28, 31.6

The Court should not countenance the use of chapter 11 to operate nor sell an illegal debt validation scam. Rather, conversion to chapter 7 would immediately stop the harm caused by the continued operations of LPG's business and allow a chapter 7 trustee to begin the process of redressing the harm to consumers by returning the funds they have already paid. Shutting down LPG and converting this case to chapter 7 is in the best interest of the estate and, most importantly, consumers. *See* Conversion Motion, pg. 35.

B. RULE 9019 OPPOSITION

In the Rule 9019 Opposition [Bankr. Dkt. #209], the U.S. Trustee contends that consumers were not provided reasonable and adequate notice of the settlements as required by FRBP 2002. *See* Rule 9019 Opposition, pg. 12-14. The Trustee also failed to offer any evidence proving the critical elements necessary for approval of the settlements under FRBP 9019, including, among other things, failing to show that he made an informed judgment after diligent investigation to determine that the compromise is fair and equitable and in the best interest of the estate.⁷

Moreover, the proposed settlement with CLG is essentially a de facto sale of LPG's assets and, as such, the Trustee failed to show that a sound business purpose exists under § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. In this respect:

⁶ Similarly, the Office of Enforcement ran a search on Consumer Sentinel for complaints concerning LPG on June 13, 2023. The search yielded 811 results, and the Office of Enforcement has anonymized a sample of 500 of the complaints (attached as Exhibit "1" to the CFPB Letter). *See* CFPB Letter, Ex. A to Response Brief, at pg. 4. According to the CFPB, the "consumers describe LPG charging advance fees for debt 'invalidation' and settlement of debts but failing to provide promised services." *Id.* at pg. 3. Further, "[n]umerous other consumers have alleged that LPG took upfront fees for debt relief without providing any services. Some consumers asserted that LPG failed to provide promised legal representation and allowed creditors to take judgments against them. Other claims that LPG took unauthorized ACH draws and has been non-responsive to requests to cancel those draws. Notably consumers reported that LPG sold its services through telemarking calls; the complaints do not suggest that LPG completed these sales after bona fide face-to-face sale meetings." *Id.* at pg. 5.

⁷ As evidenced by the declarations submitted by Carolyn Beech and Diane Scarnavack filed in support of their Objections to the settlement with CLG ("Beech Opposition"), some consumers do not support the settlement. See Bankr. Dkt. #185 (filed July 7, 2023).

- Adequate and reasonable notice was not provided to consumers even though the "consumer clients ... and all creditors including consumer creditors" are affected by the relief requested.
- The LPG Legal Services Agreements are illegal and unconscionable under various federal and state laws. Thus, they are void and unenforceable and cannot be sold or transferred to CLG.
- The Trustee cannot reform illegal, void, and unenforceable contracts. *See Kolani v. Gluska*, 64 Cal.App.4th 402, 407 (1998) ("courts reform contracts only where the parties have made a mistake and not for the purpose of saving an illegal contract. Illegal contracts are void.").
- As part of the settlement, CLG agreed to abide by the TSA and CROA, but the
 Trustee does not specify or provide any evidence as to how CLG would comply
 with the TSA, CROA, or other applicable law.

See Rule 9019 Opposition, pg. 21-28.

The TSR, 16 C.F.R. § 310.4 shows that the ACH funds pulled by the Trustee belong to the consumers and cannot be transferred to the estate through settlement. *See* Rule 9019 Opposition, pg. 28-30. And finally, in his request to appoint a consumer privacy ombudsman, the U.S. Trustee emphasized LPG's privacy policy regarding the consumers' personally identifiable information ("PII") and how LPG assured its consumers that it would take "appropriate security measures to prevent the authorized access, disclosure, modification, or unauthorized destruction of the personal data." *See* Rule 9019 Opposition, pg. 30-32.

C. RESPONSE BRIEF

In his Response Brief [Bankr. Dkt. #259], the U.S. Trustee highlights all the deficiencies in the notice of the sale provided to consumer clients. *See* Response Brief, pg. 12-13. But, most importantly, the Response Brief cites extensive authority barring the reformation of illegal and unconscionable contracts:

- As a court of equity, this Court cannot aid in enforcing an agreement that was fraudulently procured in furtherance of an illegal purpose. *See Sender v. Simon*, 84 F.3d 1299, 1307 (10th Cir. 1996) (courts generally will not enforce an illegal contract based upon "the elementary principle that one who has himself participated in a violation of law cannot be permitted to assert in a court of justice any right founded upon or growing out of the illegal transaction.").
- Courts have opined that "one of the principles courts apply in deciding whether an illegal contract can be enforced is whether a party calls on a court to order another party to carry out an illegal object." *Mann v. Gullickson*, 2016 WL 6473215 at *6 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 2, 2016 (citing *Kashani v. Tsann Kuen China Enter. Co.*, 118 Cal. App. 4th 531, 543 (2004)); *see also Wong v. Tenneco, Inc.*, 39 Cal. 3d 126, 135 (1985); *Lewis & Queen v. N.M. Ball Sons*, 48 Cal. 2d 141, 150 (1957) ("[T]he courts generally will not enforce an illegal bargain or lend their assistance to a party who seeks compensation for an illegal act.").
- As explained by the California Supreme Court, a "void contract is without legal effect. (Rest.2d Contracts, § 7, com. a.) It binds no one and is a mere nullity. Such a contract has no existence whatever. It has no legal entity for any purpose and neither action nor inaction of a party to it can validate it...." *Yvanova v. New Century Mortg. Corp.*, 62 Cal. 4th 919, 929 (2016) (citation omitted).
- In general, "courts reform contracts only where the parties have made a mistake and not for the purpose of saving an illegal contract. Illegal contracts are void." *Kolani*, 64 Cal. App. 4th at 407.

See Response Brief, pg. 13-18.

Here, there was no mistake between the parties at the time the Legal Service Agreements were entered — LPG and Tony Diab (the party with the superior bargaining power and who was disbarred in Nevada and California for stealing client money and forging a judge's signature) intended to offer the illegal and unconscionable Legal Service

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Agreements to the consumers. The Trustee cannot unilaterally change the terms of the contract.

Similarly, in the Response Brief, the U.S. Trustee contends that the Court should not reform an illegal contract for public policy reasons. See Response Brief, pg. 18-21. The Rules of Professional Conduct "are not only ethical standards to guide the conduct of members of the bar; but they also serve as an expression of public policy to protect the public." Bird, Marella, Boxer & Wolpert v. Superior Ct., 106 Cal App.4th 419, 431 (2003). LPG has violated several California State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to, Rule 1.5 (illegal or unconscionable fees), Rule 5.4 (illegal fee sharing), Rule 5.3.1 (unauthorized practice of law), and California Business & Professions § 6125 (unauthorized practice of law). Thus, as a matter of public policy, the Legal Service Agreement is unenforceable as any enforcement would require the victims of Diab's fraud and illegality to continue performing its obligations while cleansing the fraudulent and illegal acts of a disbarred attorney. Further, if an illegal contract is reformed, it would allow the wrongdoer to retain the benefit of the bargain, while forcing the victims (consumers) to continue to perform their obligations. See Response Brief, pg. 18-21.

Notwithstanding the inability to reform the illegal consumer contracts, the U.S. Trustee explains how the Modified Legal Service Agreement does not comply with applicable law. See Response Brief, pg. 22-23. In violation of the TSR, the Modified Legal Agreement still permits CLG to take advance fees for debt relief services, provides for a schedule of ACH withdrawals that are earned upon receipt, and does not provide consumers a refund of fees that have not been earned if they withdraw from the debt relief service. See id.

Finally, the Response Brief explains that any funds the Trustee obtained in violation of the TSR, CROA, and applicable laws belong to the consumers and should be returned, even if the consumer contracts are reformed. See Response Brief, pg. 23-26.

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IV. **ARGUMENT**

The U.S. Trustee opposes this sale because the Trustee has not met his burden under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code and because of the reasons explained in the above pleadings. The Trustee has failed to provide reasonable and adequate notice to consumers and has failed to show that a sound business purpose exists, that the purchase price is adequate, and that the sale is beneficial to the estate's main beneficiaries, the consumers.

Nevertheless, should the Court approve the sale over the U.S. Trustee's objection, all consumers should have the ability to affirmatively opt in to the sale — rather than be bound by a failure to opt out when they have no obligation to act. Consent to contractual reformation cannot be established by failure to accept a counterparty's offer. The Trustee's proposed consumer protections built into the APA are also inadequate.

Also, CLG is not a good faith purchaser under section 363(m) because, among other things, it allegedly assisted the Debtor with the unethical transfer of approximately 12,000 client files prior to the bankruptcy case. And finally, the Trustee's conclusions about the PGX Holdings, Inc. bankruptcy case are irrelevant. Accordingly, the Sale Motion should be denied.

Α. THE TRUSTEE HAS FAILED TO MEET HIS BURDEN UNDER **SECTION 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

Section 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing, may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate ..." 11 U.S.C. § 363. Proposed sales are reviewed to determine whether they are within the best interest of the estate resulting from a fair and reasonable price, are supported by a valid business judgment, and proposed in good faith. See In re 240 N. Brand Partners, Ltd., 200 B.R. 653, 659 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 996) (citing In re Wilde Horse Enterprises, Inc., 136 B.R. 830, 841 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1991)); see also In re Slates, 2012 WL 5359489, at *11 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Oct. 31, 2012).

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In determining whether a sale satisfies the business judgment standard, courts have required that: (1) accurate and reasonable notice of the sale has been given to interested persons; (2) a sound business purposes exists; (3) the sale yields an adequate price (i.e., one that is fair and reasonable); and (4) the parties to the sale have acted in good faith. *In re* Titusville Country Club, 128 B.R. 396, 399 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1991); see also In re Walter, 83 B.R. 14, 19-20 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1988); *In re Slates*, 2012 WL 5359489, at *11; *Comm*. of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel Corp.), 722 F.2d 1063, 1069 (2nd Cir. 1983).

The Trustee has Failed to Provide Adequate Notice of the Sale i.

On July 13, 2023, the Trustee filed a Declaration (the "Sale Decl.") of Christopher Celentino Regarding Notice of Sale to Consumer Clients [Bankr. Dkt. # 233]. The email (the "Sale Email") (attached as Exhibit "A" to the Sale Declaration) informs the consumers that they have "ninety (90) days from the date of the sale to either (1) "opt out" of further representation by the new law firm, recognizing that doing so will cancel your contract for services; or (2) you will be offered a new 'cured' contract with the new lawyers to be signed by you, and to allow for services to be performed on your behalf." Sale Decl., at p. 7. But the Sale Email failed to alert the consumers that, unless they affirmatively "opt out," i.e., should they do nothing in response, they will be deemed to have entered into a new contract and bound by the Modified Legal Services Agreement (Marshack Decl., Ex. 4). Further, the Sale Email informs consumers that they must "retain counsel" if they have an objection to the proposed sale, but they do not need to have a lawyer.⁸

Additionally, the Trustee proposes to provide notice to the consumers pursuant to California State Bar Rule 1.17. The California State Bar Rule 1.17 provides for sale of a law practice, stating:

⁸ In his Response Brief, the U.S. Trustee recommended that the Trustee include all pleadings relating to the Sale Motion, including the U.S. Trustee's Opposition, to the DropBox available for all consumers to review to ensure that consumers make an informed decision. The U.S. Trustee has been informed that they have added additional pleadings to the DropBox for consumers to access.

(a) If the sale contemplates the transfer of responsibility for work not yet completed or responsibility of client files . . . then:

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- (2) in all other circumstances, not less than 90 days prior to the transfer:
- (i) the seller, or the lawyer appointed to act for the seller pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6180.5, shall cause a written notice to be given to each client whose matter is included in the sale, stating that the interest in the law practice is being transferred to the purchaser; that the client has the right to retain other counsel; that the client may take possession of any client materials and property, as required by rule 1.16(e)(1); and that if no response is received to the notice within 90 days after it is sent, or if the client's rights would be prejudiced by a failure of the purchaser to act during that time, the purchaser may act on behalf of the client until otherwise notified by the client; and
- (ii) the seller, or the lawyer appointed to act for the seller pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6180.5, shall obtain the written consent of the client prior to the transfer. If reasonable efforts have been made to locate the client and no response to paragraph (b)(2)(i) notice received within 90 days, consent shall be presumed until otherwise notified by the client.

See California State Bar Rule 1.17 (emphasis added).

The Trustee failed to comply with California State Bar Rule 1.17 because that rule requires notice to consumers at least 90 days before the sale. *Id.* Moreover, presuming consent because no response was received within 90 days does not satisfy California State Bar Rule 1.17; that rule requires that reasonable efforts were made to locate the client. The Trustee has not provided proper notice and has not explained what reasonable efforts were taken to locate all consumers to provide them the required accurate and appropriate notice of the sale.

ii. Trustee has Failed to Show that a Sound Business Purpose Exists

The decision to sell property out of the ordinary course of a debtor's business must be based on reasonable business judgment. *In re Continental Air Lines, Inc.*, 780 F.2d

1223, 1226 (5th Cir. 1986); *In re Lionel Corp.*, 722 F.2d at 1070. In determining whether

the business purpose is justified under 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1), bankruptcy courts apply a

flexible, case-by-case approach. See In re Walter, 83 B.R. 14, 19 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1988)

("the bankruptcy judge should consider all salient factors pertaining to the proceeding and, accordingly, act to further the diverse interests of the debtor, creditors and equity holders, alike.") (quoting *Continental Air*, 780 F.2d at 1226). First, and foremost, there is no sound business purpose in selling illegal and unconscionable contracts obtained by a disbarred attorney's fraudulent and illegal acts. The Trustee seeks to sell the accounts of the victims of this fraudulent debt validation scheme and circumvent fundamental concerns relating to the lawfulness of LPG's business by obtaining approval of an expedited sale that will prevent the proper notice and scrutiny contemplated by, and essential to, the equity and integrity of the bankruptcy system.

The Trustee argues that winding down LPG "stands to potentially subject the consumer clients to predatory practices of other substandard debt relief companies, illegal marketing ploys, and bad actors, including but not limited to Tony Diab and his entourage of alter egos." *See* Marshack Decl., ¶ 14. The U.S. Trustee agrees with the CFPB that the

marketing ploys, and bad actors, including but not limited to Tony Diab and his entourage of alter egos." *See* Marshack Decl., ¶ 14. The U.S. Trustee agrees with the CFPB that the Trustee's concerns about consumers being "thrown out on the street" if a sale is not approved are overblown. *See* Response Brief, Ex. A, pg. 38. Complaints submitted by consumers include demands for refunds and cancellation of contracts. *Id.*, at pg. 32 (CFPB Letter attaches FTC complaints); *see also* Ng. Conversion Decl., Ex. 11 (BBB Complaints); Bankr. Dkt. #185 (Consumer Declarations in support of the Beech Opposition to the CLG Rule 9019 Motion). Stopping LPG's activities ensures that consumers suffer no further harm and restores to consumers their absolute right to choose providers, the services to be purchased, and the information to be shared. Additionally, as recognized by the CFPB, the ongoing harm of potentially illegal advance fees pursuant to the Modified Legal Services Agreement outweighs any risk of consumers being left without questionable

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debt relief services. See Response Brief, Ex. A, pg. 38. The proposed Modified Legal Services Agreement "would likely put consumers in a worse position." *Id.*, at pg. 37.

The Trustee has Failed to Show that the Purchase Price Will iii. **Benefit the Estate.**

The Sale Motion claims that the purchase price is approximately \$42 million. See Sale Motion, pg. 12:6-7. But the actual sale price is linked to the number of consumer contracts that are transferred to CLG (i.e., consumers that have not opted out). See Marshack Decl., Ex. 2 (APA), § 2. The Trustee fails to discuss the impact on the sale price, and whether such sale will still benefit the estate if numerous consumers opt out of the sale. There is substantial evidence that LPG consumers are unhappy, requesting their contracts be cancelled and unearned fees be returned to them. See Response Brief, Ex. A, pg. 32; Ng Conversion Decl., Ex. 11 (BBB Complaints); Bankr. Dkt. #185 (consumer declarations in support of the Beech Opposition to the CLG Rule 9019 Motion). In fact, by email dated July 13, 2023, the Trustee notified the U.S. Trustee that Consumer Legal Group was lowering the price because there are fewer client files than anticipated. It appears that the number of active client files has decreased from 22,000 to approximately 14,000 (a 36%) decrease). Because the anticipated price is now lower, a new notice and hearing are warranted.

But if what the Trustee says is correct, what benefit will the estate receive? And who will receive this benefit? The Trustee presents no claims analysis. The Trustee fails to provide a complete breakdown of what funds are coming into the estate, when these funds would be received, where these funds are going, and who would be getting paid, including anticipated trustee fees, professional fees, additional administrative fees from post-petition funding, etc. The claims register shows secured debt of approximately \$19 million and with the increasing amount of professional fees, this case may be administratively insolvent, leaving nothing to be paid to unsecured creditors and consumers.

iv. The Trustee has Failed to Show that the Sale is Beneficial to Consumers.

The Trustee also fails to provide sufficient evidence showing the actual benefit consumers would receive from the sale. The Trustee claims that "[w]hen law abiding, barred attorneys operating on principles of transparency as opposed to secrecy supply these services, the consumer client can achieve their goals, emotional gratitude and a brighter financial future." *See* Sale Motion, pg. 6:23-26. But the only evidence submitted to support this statement are declarations from affiliated attorneys of LPG. The Trustee acknowledges that of the 40,000 clients transferred to Phoenix, only 5,000 were in active litigation or received legal services from an attorney between June 2, 2023, and June 28, 2023. *See* Sale Motion, pg. 6:12-16. What benefit are the other 35,000 clients receiving?

Likewise, there is little evidence that CLG will provide adequate legal services to benefit consumers. CLG has an "F" rating on the BBB website. See Declaration of Jaimee Zayicek attached hereto ("Zayicek Decl."), ¶ 6. Several consumers filed complaints with BBB against CLG alleging that it took unauthorized ACH draws and has been non-responsive to refund requests. *Id.*, at Ex. 5. For example, one consumer submitted a complaint against CLG on May 3, 2023, alleging:

On April 3, 2023[,] \$270.70 was removed from My checking account by CLG, otherwise known as Consumer Legal Group. This transaction was NOT authorized. In fact [I] have the email showing where I DECLINED to use their services. Now the company refuses to refund the money taken from my account without my consent. I have contacted the company on numerous occasions asking for the money to be refunded, but they always have a lame excuse that I did not follow cancellation procedures. How do you CANCEL a service you DECLINED from initial contact? I have the email showing where I DECLINED to sign and use their services. I have all the emails requesting a refund, and all the documentation to show I. Imported the refund policy paperwork.

⁹ See https://www.bbb.org/us/ny/new-york/profile/debt-relief-services/consumer-legal-group-pc-0121-87158089.

See Zayicek Decl., Ex. 5, pg. 12.

On May 2, 2023, another consumer filed a BBB complaint against CLG, alleging that "[t]his company keeps withdrawing [] money from my account and I Want it to stop. This company is as [sic] Scam. I will have to close my account." *Id.*, at Ex. 5, pg.13. There is little or no evidence showing that CLG will provide adequate legal services that would benefit consumers.

CLG is a New York based firm that has only been operating since 2022. *See* Declaration of Jason Rebhun in support of the Sale Motion ("Rebhun Declaration"), at ¶ 6 [Bankr. Dkt. #191-4]. CLG has "dozens of employees who are not part of CLG's legal 'team,' as well as four full-time attorneys (and is in the final state of hiring one more full-time attorney who are expected to be on board[] by the end of July 2023), three part-time attorneys, and eight paralegals." *Id.* at ¶ 7. CLG's website, at https://consumerlegalgroup.com/our-legal-team/, lists only one attorney (Aryeh Weber) on its legal team.

At Mr. Rebhun's deposition on July 17, 2023, he testified that the pictures of the individuals on the website are most likely stock photos, not real photos of real attorneys. *See* Declaration of Marilyn Sorensen ("Sorensen Decl."), Ex. 6, Transcript of Deposition of Jason Rebhun (designated as the person most knowledgeable for CLG) taken on July 17, 2023 ("CLG Depo. Transcript"), pg. 49:1-5. Mr. Rebhun was also unable to identify the officers and directors of CLG. *Id.*, at pg. 36:23-37:1. He further testified that CLG was incorporated in May 2022, but he does not know how long CLG has been in business. *Id.*, at pg. 34:18-20. He further testified that he did not know how many consumer clients that CLG had, and he could not give an approximate number. *Id.*, at pg. 153:25-155:19.

The New York State Unified Court System shows that CLG has appeared in only one case in New York state court, which was a landlord tenant dispute. And there were no cases in New York found for the search of attorney Jason Rebhun or Aryeh Weber. *See* Zayicek Decl., at ¶¶ 3-5; *see also* Response Brief, Ex. D, pg. 555 (the NY-AG also

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confirms that CLG appears on behalf of a client in only one case). According to the PA-AG, CLG is not even licensed to perform debt settlement in the state of Pennsylvania. See Response Brief, Ex. C, pg. 550.

CLG's attorneys are licensed in New York and New Jersey. See Rebhun Declaration, at ¶ 7. Therefore, like LPG, CLG will most likely hire local counsel to service its consumer clients outside of these states, which adds another layer of costs to financially struggling consumers. LPG and CLG share a similar business model, and there is no assurance from the Trustee that the services provided by the local attorneys affiliated with CLG will provide benefits to the consumers.

In determining whether to enforce illegal contracts, courts have considered the end result to "avoid unjust enrichment" to a defendant and a "disproportionately harsh penalty" upon the plaintiff. Mann v. Gullickson, 2016 WL 6473215, at *6 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 2, 2016). Here, permitting the Trustee to replace the illegal consumer agreements and then sell them to CLG provides no benefit to the consumers. Those likely to be paid from the sale are the Trustee, his professionals, the secured creditors (who funded all the wrong-doing), and the post-petition lenders (who continue to fund the wrong-doing). Consumers are not being protected and will not benefit from the sale. Rather, their contracts are being sold to CLG with little evidence that they will receive adequate legal services from CLG or a full refund of unearned fees (as provided under LPG's Legal Service Agreement).

The Deficiency in the Opt-Out Plan. v.

The Trustee contemplates providing the consumers with an "opportunity to object, opt-out or be excluded from the sale and assumption and assignment during the notice period or thereafter if no response is received." See Sale Motion, pg. 13:6-8. As noted by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors ("Committee"), however, the Sale Motion and the APA contain very limited discussion of the "opt-out" procedure. There is no evidence provided by the Trustee about the information this "opt-out" notice to consumers will contain, who will be responsible for providing the notice, who will determine whether

a consumer has opted out and what role, if any, the buyer will have in connection with this process. Any notice must adequately explain, in layman's terms, the options available to consumers. This should include clear notice that consumers must affirmatively "opt out", the consequences of their failure to do so, and the consequences (if any) of the failure to respond at all. Additionally, the notice must clearly and adequately explain the steps a consumer needs to take to effectively opt out, the consequence for failing to respond, and that should they opt-out they would be entitled to a refund of any unearned fees.¹⁰

vi. Consumers Cannot Consent to a New Contract by their Silence and Should Be Required to Affirmatively Opt In to the Sale.

In connection with the sale, the Trustee proposes to issue a new Legal Service Agreement (i.e., the Modified Legal Service Agreement) between consumers and CLG. See Marshack Decl., Ex. 4. This is not "reformation;" it is "replacement." As such, the Trustee needs to obtain the consumers' informed, voluntary, and affirmative consent; that is, they must affirmatively opt in to any new agreement. What the Trustee postulates is akin to a third-party release, i.e., the imposition of a new contract with a non-debtor on creditors, which is forbidden by the Ninth Circuit. See In re Lowenschuss, 67 F.3d 1394, 1401 (9th Cir. 1995) (citations omitted) ("This court has repeatedly held, without exception, that "§ 524(e) precludes bankruptcy courts from discharging the liabilities of non-debtors"). That is, should the sale be approved, these consumers will be bound to new contracts — with non-debtors — to which they have not agreed, upending the core concept of offer and acceptance in contract formation and principles of legal due process.

Following the basic principles of contract law, when one has no duty to act, then failing to act cannot be deemed consent and cannot have the legal consequence of waiving or altering any rights. The court in *SunEdison* applied principles of contract law in

¹⁰ As recognized by the CFPB, the 90-day opt-out period offers no benefit to the consumers because the consumers are already entitled to a refund of all fees paid and unearned. *See* Response Brief, Ex. A, pg. 37; *see also* 16 C.F.R. § 310.4(a)(5)(i)(A)-(E).

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concluding that inaction or silence by nonvoting parties does not constitute consent. See In re SunEdison, Inc., 576 B.R. 453 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017). Although the court found consent to a third-party release may be express or manifested by conduct, mere silence does not constitute consent absent a duty to speak. Id., at 458-61. "Charging all inactive creditors with full knowledge of the scope and implications of the proposed third-party releases and implying a 'consent' to the third-party releases based on the creditors' inaction, is simply not realistic or fair, and would stretch the meaning of 'consent' beyond the breaking point." Id. at 461 (quoting In re Chassix Holdings, Inc., 533 B.R. 64, 81 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015)); see also In re Emerge Energy Services LP, No. 19-11563, 2019 WL 7634308, *18 (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 5, 2019) (finding that the "failure of a creditor or equity holder to return a ballot or Opt-Out Form manifested their intent to provide a release. Carelessness, inattentiveness, or mistake are three reasonable alternative explanations.").

Similarly, in Ascena, the district court on appeal rejected the Debtors' contention that failing to opt out of a release evidenced consent to that release. See Patterson v. Mahwah Bergen Retail Grp., Inc. (In re Ascena), 636 B.R. 641, 684-85 (E.D. Va. 2022). In its decision, the district court analyzed basic contract law, and in doing so, found that silence with no duty to act cannot show consent:

First, contrary to Debtors' statement that "actual principles of contract law have long provided that the manifestation of assent may be made wholly by failure to act" (Appellee Br. at 65), black letter contract law dictates otherwise. See Meekins v. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, 2020 WL 1922765, at *4 (E.D. Va. Apr. 21, 2020) ("A party's silence, however, is insufficient to show its intention to be bound by the terms of a contract.") (quotations omitted). Indeed, in one of the cases cited by Debtors for its acceptance-by-silence proposition, the First Circuit stated, "it's basic contract law that an offeror cannot unilaterally impose on another party the obligation to respond and reject their offer." Rivera-Colon v. AT&T Mobility Puerto *Rico, Inc.*, 913 F.3d 200, 211 (1st Cir. 2019) (*citing* 1 Corbin on Contracts § 3.19) (2018) ("It should here be plainly set forth that an offeror has no power to cause the silence of the offeree to operate as an acceptance when the offeree does not intend it

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to do so."); 2 Williston on Contracts § 6:50 (4th ed. 1993) ("Merely sending an unsolicited offer does not impose upon the party receiving it any duty to speak or deprive the party of its privilege of remaining silent *686 without accepting.")). Limited exceptions to this rule exist, such as previous dealings or when an offeror gives the offeree reason to believe that silence or inaction will manifest assent, and the offeree remains silent or inactive with the intent to accept the offer. Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 69(1)(b). However, neither Debtors nor the Bankruptcy Court identified any facts that would support the application of an exception to the general rule of contracts that silence cannot manifest assent. Nor does the record reveal any such facts. Indeed, the Court has already found as a matter of fact that consent did not occur. Accordingly, any attempt to claim that contract law supports a finding of consent to third-party releases based on inaction rings hollow.

Id. at 685-86.

Here, there should be no exception to the general rule of contracts. Consumers' failure to opt out of the sale cannot equate to consent to the Modified Legal Service Agreement with CLG. Consumers should not be assumed to acquiesce to the continuation of services that many are complaining about especially when the Legal Services Agreement was entered into with a law firm being controlled and operated by a disbarred attorney; requiring an opt-in provision will ensure that those who understand and wish to enter into new agreements can do so without being bound by an illegal contract.

Moreover, the Trustee has failed to describe what exactly is being sold under the APA or how it will be protected. According to the Sale Motion, the sale consists of "consumer client accounts" but the motion does not elaborate on what information is included in each consumer client account. See Sale Motion, pg. 13. Does it include bank account information, social security numbers, homes addresses, dates of birth, credit card information and numbers, email addresses, payment history, records of encounters and personal communication with consumers, demographic data, etc.? This is highly sensitive data, and the Trustee has failed to show how such information will be adequately protected in the proposed sale. The Sale Motion also provides no evidence of CLG's capabilities and

intentions of protecting the privacy records and data of consumers, or that it will abide by all applicable privacy laws.

Given both the inadequacy of consent via silence and the considerable privacy concerns inherent in the proposed transaction, if the Court approves any sale in this case, the consumers should be required to opt in, not opt out, to the sale of their client file to the proposed purchaser. *See also* Response Brief, Ex. A, pg. 39.

vii. The Trustee's Proposed Consumer Protections are Inadequate.

The Trustee contends that the consumer protections built into the APA cure any potential violations or concerns over consumer protection laws. *See* Marshack Decl., ¶ 12. But many of these so-called consumer protections are inadequate and do not resolve the infirmities in this sale described herein.

a. Court Appointed Monitor

The Trustee seeks to insulate this legally questionable transaction by asking the Court to appoint a monitor in conjunction with the proposed sale and, in doing so, relies on the case of *Purdue Pharma* as support. *See* Trustee's Add'l Brief [Bankr. Dkt. #260], pg. 14; *see also* Sale Motion, pg. 12-13, 17-18. The facts of that case are significantly different and shed no light on the relief sought here. First, Purdue Pharma is a *legal* pharmaceutical business that previously did *illegal* things in promoting the sale and use of opioids, to which the company has agreed to plead guilty. Here, in contrast, the debtor's entire business model itself is likely illegal. Second, the court in *Purdue Pharma* entered an injunction against Purdue Pharma and its beneficial owners, the Sackler Family, from engaging in any criminal conduct in the sale and marketing of opioids, and the monitor was appointed to ensure that the pre-petition, illegal conduct in the promotion and marketing of opioids had actually ceased and did not continue while the case was pending in bankruptcy court. Here, the debtor is not being enjoined from operating an illegal business in bankruptcy and is, instead, asking that the court allow the business to continue under different ownership. Third, the monitor in *Purdue Pharma* is monitoring the activities of

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the debtor-in-possession itself (and its beneficial owners who themselves have settled the Government's civil claims against them). The monitor sought here is not of the debtor-in-possession's conduct; it is the conduct of the entity that purchases the debtor-in-possession's assets. *Purdue Pharma* is no support whatsoever for the appointment of a monitor.

The Trustee further relies on *In re Ariz. Heart Inst. Inc.*, 2010 Bankr. LEXIS 5841 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 2010), as authority for appointing a monitor for the proposed sale, stating that bankruptcy courts and trustees have the continuing authority to enforce the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA") approved by the bankruptcy court. In *Ariz. Heart Inst.*, the court simply approved the sale and stated that it retained jurisdiction to adjudicate any disputes related to, for example, entitlement to assets or proceeds of the assets, peaceful use of the assets, and prorations under the APA (including taxes). That is a far cry from a bankruptcy court exercising continuing jurisdiction and oversight of a purchaser's business practices simply because it purchased estate assets. That would be a vast expansion of a bankruptcy court's authority, unconfined by any limiting principle. Given the ubiquity of debtors selling substantially all of their assets in chapter 11, the authority sought here for a monitor could effectively transform bankruptcy courts into roving regulators and enforcement agencies over a host of non-debtors.

Additionally, the Sale Motion and the APA provide little, if any, detail about the specific duties, terms of appointment, and mechanisms for compensating the Monitor, and how appointing the Monitor will enhance consumer protection and ensure CLG's compliance with certain consumer protection laws and obligations. As the Committee argues, it has "no oversight over the Monitor or role in selecting the Monitor designated to serve as a consumer watchdog." Committee's Opposition to Application for Order Setting Hearing on Shortened Notice Regarding Sale Motion, pg. 5:14-17 [Bankr. Dkt. # 198]. The Trustee suggests retaining either Nancy Rapoport or Matthew Bouslog as the Court appointed Monitor. *See* Sale Motion, at pg. 17-18. Both Ms. Rapoport and Mr. Bouslog

appear to be bankruptcy attorneys and may not necessarily have consumer protection experience. The mere appointment of a Monitor without a clearly defined role and demonstrated benefit to consumers does not resolve the infirmities in the sale described herein.

b. Compliance with other State Bar Rules

The Trustee proposes to comply with California State Bar Rule 1.17. But, as discussed above, notice under Rule 1.17 is deficient. And given that LPG has clients throughout the nation, the Trustee must comply with the State Bar rules in all 48 jurisdictions, not just California State Bar Rule 1.17. For instance, the Florida State Bar Rule 4-1.17, which governs the sale of a law practice, requires that any sale of a law practice be sold to "1 or more lawyers or law firms authorized to practice law in Florida." CLG is not authorized to practice law in Florida and has not provided the proper notice under Florida State Bar Rules.

c. Modified Purchase Agreement still violates the TSR

Notwithstanding the Trustee's inability to replace the consumer contracts as discussed above, the Modified Purchase Agreement does not comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations as it still violates the TSR. *See* Response Brief, pg. 22-23.

B. CLG IS NOT A GOOD FAITH PURCHASER UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 363(m)

The Trustee proposes to sell LPG to CLG for \$42 million, subject to overbid. *See* Sale Motion, at pg. 1-2. But what exactly is being sold is unclear. The Trustee defines CLG as the "Good Faith Purchaser" and requests such a finding under section 363(m). *Id.* at pg. 23-24.

Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(m), in relevant part, if a sale order is subsequently reversed or modified on appeal, such reversal or modification does not affect the validity of the sale if the purchaser was a good faith purchaser and no stay pending appeal was obtained. Although the Bankruptcy Code does not define the term "good faith," courts have found

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that a "good faith purchaser" is one who buys 'in good faith' and 'for value." In re M Capital Corp., 290 B.R. 743, 746 (9th Cir. BAP 2003). "Typically, lack of good faith is shown by fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders." Id., at 746-47. The burden of proof to show "good faith" is on the proponent of good faith, or, in this case, the Trustee. See id., at 747.

In the Complaint filed by the Trustee against LPG's alter egos, fraudulent transferees, and other related parties (Adv. No. 8:23-ap-1046-SC), the Trustee alleges that CLG is an alter ego of the Debtor. "As he did with LPG, [Tony] Diab controls and operates the Alter Egos, despite them being nominally owned by licensed attorneys." See Complaint, at ¶ 59. The Trustee also obtained a preliminary injunction against CLG based on his allegation that CLG was a transferee of LPG's pre-petition fraudulent transfer of 12,000 customer files that siphoned-off \$3.3 million in the Debtor's annual revenue. *Id.* at ¶ 61. Further, on July 3, 2023, CLG's special purpose affiliate, Liberty Acquisitions Group Inc. ("Liberty") was authorized to loan the estate \$560,000.00, on a superpriority basis, on 24 hours' notice [Bankr. Dkt. # 168]. 11

The Trustee fails to explain how CLG can go from being an alleged alter ego of a disbarred attorney to a good faith purchaser. 12 In the Sale Motion, the Trustee again

¹¹ By email dated July 12, 2023, the U.S. Trustee requested the Chapter 11 Trustee to identify the following information for Resolution Partners, Liberty Acquisitions, Sapphire Management Holdings, LLC, Capital, LLC, and StratCat Management: (1) the state of incorporation/organization/formation; and (2) the owners, members, partners of each. As of July 18, 2023, the Chapter 11 Trustee has not produced this information. CLG's Rule 30(b)(6) witness, Jason Rebhun, was unable, or unwilling, to explain Liberty Acquisitions relationship to CLG at the deposition of CLG on July 17, 2023.

¹² Similarly, it appears that the Trustee has failed to complete his due diligence as to all the various entities that may be associated or affiliated with LPG. The U.S. Trustee was recently contacted by LendingClub Bank ("LendingClub"), who is involved with some of LPG's current/former clients. On July 5, 2023, LendingClub received a cease-and-desist letter from "Elite Legal Practice," an entity located in Los Angeles, CA. Interestingly, the letter was sent using an LPG envelope. At a minimum, this creates confusions as it seems that the various entities at play may all be connected.

Further, LendingClub received a letter from CLG on July 5, 2023, listing CLG's address as "P.O. Box 412, Elmsford, NY 10523." This address is listed on their website too. That address is incorrect. Neither consumers nor

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focuses on the alleged benefit consumers will receive from the sale to support a finding of good faith. See Sale Motion, pg. 23-24. But this does not support a good faith purchaser finding with respect to CLG. To the contrary, as discussed above, CLG has only been operating since 2022, has an "F" rating on BBB with numerous complaints against it, and has no presence in the New York state system. CLG also colluded with LPG and Tony Diab in the transfer of the 12,000 clients prior to the bankruptcy case without providing the clients with the required notice at least 90 days prior to the transfer. Accordingly, the Trustee has failed to establish that CLG is a good faith purchaser under section 363(m). This Court should not allow the Trustee's sale to CLG.¹³

C. Trustee's Comments about PGX Holdings, Inc. are Irrelevant.

Finally, the Trustee contends in the Sale Motion that the U.S. Trustee's and CFPB's failures to object in the bankruptcy case of PGX Holdings, Inc. means that "the offending conduct and policies and procedures employed by LPG ... can be cured." See Sale Motion, pg. 2. These conclusions are unfounded and irrelevant to this case. In PGX Holdings, Inc. (No. 23-10718, Bankr. D. Del.), a motion was filed on June 6, 2023, which among other

creditors are able to send any communications to CLG. The U.S. Trustee is informed that CLG had provided a new address to the Office of the New York State Attorney General ("NY-AG") as to where complaints should be addressed. The NY-AG had requested CLG to update its website, so consumers also have a working mailing address. As of the filing of this Opposition, CLG has yet to update its website to list a correct mailing address.

¹³ On July 13, 2023, the Trustee informed the U.S. Trustee that he may be receiving a bid from Russ Squires ("Squires") of Validation Partners, LLC ("Validation Partners"). In the event Validation Partners and/or Russ Squires are the successful bidders and purchasers, the Trustee must provide evidence that Validation Partners and/or Russ Squires are good faith purchasers under section 363(m). On April 21, 2023, Carolyn Beech ("Beech") filed a First Amended Complaint – Class Action in the District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (Southern Division) (Case No. 1:22-cv-057 HSO-BWR) against, among other parties, Squires and Validation Partners, alleging that: (1) between August 2021 and August 2022, Validation Partners purchased over 40,000 consumer accounts from different marking affiliates and LPG with a total value of \$400,000,000; (2) Validation Partners loaned LPG in the total sum in excess of \$3.8 million between December 2021 and June 2022; (3) the funding by Validation Partners was essential to the continued operation of LPG; (4) Validation Partners was fully aware of the nature of LPG's business; and (5) Validation Partners received money obtained from consumers on LPG contracts violation of CROA. As such, Beech alleged that Validation Partners and Squires are liable for the acts of LPG because they knowingly financed the Debtor's illegal operation. See Validation Partner Complaint, at ¶¶ 27, 29, 30, 40 [Dkt. # 48 of Case No. 1:22-cv-057 HSO-BWR]. On June 8, 2023, Beech obtained a default against Squires and Validation Partners in the Validation Partners lawsuit [Dkt. #75 of Case No. 1:22-cv-057 HSO-BWR].

things, requested approval of bidding procedures and the scheduling of a sale hearing. The U.S. Trustee opposed this motion with respect to the breakup fee for the stalking horse bidder. Notably, no order has been entered approving the proposed bidding procedures or setting a sale hearing. Because the time to object to the sale in PGX Holdings, Inc. has not passed, no conclusions can be drawn about positions that have not been taken in that matter.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, and upon such other and further oral and/or documentary evidence as may be presented at the time of the hearing, the U.S. Trustee respectfully opposes any sale and requests that the Sale Motion be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. ANDERSON UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

DATED: 7/19/2023 By: /s/Kenneth Misken

Kenneth M. Misken Assistant U.S. Trustee

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DECLARATION OF JAIMEE ZAYICEK

- I, Jaimee Zayicek, declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am employed by the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 16 as a Paralegal Specialist. My duties and responsibilities include the review and analysis of Chapter 11 cases, including the case of *The Litigation Practice Group, P.C.* (Bankr. Case No. 8:23-bk-10571-SC). I make this declaration upon my own personal knowledge except as to those statements made upon information and belief.
- 3. On July 14, 2023, I accessed the New York State Unified Court System's online case search database and used the attorney/firm search feature. I searched for any cases in which attorney Aryeh Weber was representing either plaintiffs or defendants. There were no results. Attached as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of the search results.
- 4. I also searched for any cases in which attorney Jason Rehbun was representing either plaintiffs or defendants. There were no results. Attached as Exhibit "2" is a true and correct copy of the search results.
- 5. Finally, I searched for any cases in which Consumer Legal Group was representing either plaintiffs or defendants. There was one result. Attached as Exhibit "3" is a true and correct copy of the search results.

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6. On July 19, 2023, I accessed the Better Business Bureau's ("BBB") website at www.bbb.org and searched for Consumer Legal Group, P.C. ("CLG"). CLG has a "F" rating with the BBB. A true and accurate copy of the CLG's "F" Rating with BBB is attached hereto as Exhibit "4". True and accurate copies of the BBB Complaints against CLG are attached hereto as Exhibit "5."

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and if called as a witness I could and would completely testify thereto. Executed this 19th day of July 2023 at Long Beach, California.

James Zayrak

Bankruptcy Paralegal

- 1. I am employed by the Office of the U.S. Trustee for Region 16 as a Bankruptcy Analyst. My duties and responsibilities include the review and analysis of Chapter 11 cases, including the case of *The Litigation Practice Group, P.C.* (Bankr. Case No. 8:23-bk-10571-SC). I make this declaration upon my own personal knowledge except as to those statements made upon information and belief.
- 2. After the July 17, 2023, deposition of Jason Rebhun, on behalf of the Consumer Legal Group, P.C., I requested a transcript from the court reporter Focus Litigation Solutions.
- 3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the deposition held on July 17, 2023.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and if called as a witness I could and would completely testify thereto. Executed this 19th day of July 2023 in Lake Forest, California.

Marilyn Sorensen Bankruptcy Analyst Case 8:23-bk-10571-SC Doc 296 Filed 07/19/23 Entered 07/19/23 18:24:54 Desc Main Document Page 35 of 311

Exhibit 1

Exhibit 1



New York State Unified Court System

WebCivil Local - Case Search Results

No cases found.

New Search

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Exhibit 2



New York State Unified Court System

WebCivil Local - Case Search Results

No cases found.

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Exhibit 3

Exhibit 3



New York State Unified Court System

WebCivil Local - Case Search Results

1 Case(s) Match Your Search. **Page 1 of 1 pages** [New Search] [Edit Search]

Please click the number in the first column or the index number to view case details.

Court	Index Number	Case Status		First Plaintiff Firm			Appearance Date	Judge/Part
Kings County Civil Court	LT-307667-23/KI		L & M PROSPECT PLAZA, LLC		DARBY	Consumer Legal Group att: jack gross		Honorable Agata E. Rumprecht-Behrens Part G

[New Search] [Edit Search]



New York State Unified Court System

WebCivil Local - Case Detail

Court: Kings County Civil Court

Index Number: LT-307667-23/KI

Case Name: L & M PROSPECT PLAZA, LLC vs. DARBY, KEITH

Case Type: Landlord and Tenant

Classification: Non-Payment Filing Date: 03/06/2023

Disposition Date: Calendar Number:

Jury Demand: No

Judge Name:

Attorney/Firm(s) For Petitioner - L & M PROSPECT PLAZA, LLC:

SDK Heiberger LLP Attorney Type: Firm 205 East 42nd Street, 6th Floor

New York, New York 10017-(917) 351-1335

Attorney/Firm(s) For Respondent - KEITH DARBY:

Consumer Legal Group att: jack grossAttorney Type: **Firm**

p.o. box 412 Elmsford, New York 10523-(212) 920-1247

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Exhibit 4

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Business Profile

Consumer Legal Group, P.C.

Debt Relief Services

Contact Information

- 11 Broadway Ste 300 New York, NY 10004-1398
- Visit Website
- <u>(212) 920-1247</u>

Customer Reviews

This business has 0 reviews

Read Reviews

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Customer Complaints

- 12 complaints closed in last 3 years
- 12 complaints closed in last 12 months

Read Complaints

BBB Rating & Accreditation



THIS BUSINESS IS NOT BBB ACCREDITED

Search for Accredited Businesses in this category

Years in Business: 1

Customer Reviews are not used in the calculation of BBB Rating

Reasons for BBB Rating

Related Categories

Debt Relief Services

Business Details

Location of This Business

11 Broadway Ste 300, New York, NY 10004-1398

BBB File Opened: 11/3/2022

Years in Business: 1

Business Started: 5/18/2022

Licensing Information:

This business is in an industry that may require professional licensing, bonding or registration. BBB encourages you to check with the appropriate agency to be certain any requirements are currently being met.

Type of Entity: Professional Corporation (PC)

Business Management Aryeh Weber, Principal

Contact Information

Principal

Aryeh Weber, Principal Customer Contact Aryeh Weber, Principal

Additional Contact Information

Website Addresses

https://consumerlegalgroup.org/

Customer Complaints

12 Customer Complaints

Most Recent Customer Complaint

Complaint Type: Problems with Product/Service

Status: Resolved



On 5/22, I spoke with a representative and a supervisor about a payment reminder I had received that Saturday prior. I called them first thing Monday morning. Realized that they are not authorized to withdraw funds from my bank. I was told that it wouldnt be done. Well, they ******** my account by processing a payment that wasnt supposed to...

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0 Customer Reviews

What do you think? Be the first to review!
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Exhibit 5







Complaints

Consumer Legal Group, P.C.

Debt Relief Services

View Business profile

Need to file a complaint?

BBB is here to help. We'll guide you through the process.

File a Complaint

Complaint Details

Note that complaint text that is displayed might not represent all complaints filed with BBB. See details.

Complaint Type:

Problems with Product/Service

Status:

Resolved



Initial Complaint

06/06/2023

On 5/22, I spoke with a representative and a supervisor about a payment reminder I had received that Saturday prior. I called them first thing Monday morning. Realized that they are not authorized to withdraw funds from my bank. I was told that it wouldnt be done. Well, they ******* my account by processing a payment that wasnt supposed to be done where I also accrued an NSF fee. The \$240.61 was refunded without the additional fee a week later. I closed my account on that same day. Received confirmation that any further payments would not occur. Today 6/2/23, they again withdrew my account which incurred another NSF fee. I called them and I was told, issue would be resolved ASAP, yet still wanting me to fill out a refund request. HOW or WHY?! I DONT have a contract or request their services with them so why should I have to fill out a refund request for them to refund me the money they werent supposed to take out in the first place. They fraudulently withdrew my account. And Im only assuming that I will have to wait another week for my \$240.61 to be refunded, not to mention a total of \$58 in NSF fees III just have to swallow.



Business response 06/27/2023

Hello ******,

We appreciate your communication with us so we could properly address your concerns. Our team is confirming that we have resolved this matter to your liking. We worked together to find the best possible solution. We wish you all the best moving forward and thank you for choosing us.

All the best,

Consumer Legal Group



Customer response

06/29/2023

Better Business Bureau:

I have reviewed the response made by the business in reference to complaint **ID** ********, and find that this resolution is partially satisfactory to me and the matter has partially been resolved. They refused to refund the banks NSF fees that accrued both times that they withdrew funds without my consent.

Sincerely,

Complaint Type:

Billing/Collection Issues

Status:

Unanswered



Initial Complaint

05/15/2023

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Complaint Type:

Problems with Product/Service

Status:

Unanswered



Initial Complaint

05/03/2023



Customer response

05/28/2023

Better Business Bureau:

At this time, I have not been contacted by Consumer Legal Group, P.C. regarding complaint ID *********.

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Complaint Type:

Problems with Product/Service

Status:

Unanswered



Initial Complaint

05/03/2023

Complaint Type:

Problems with Product/Service

Status:

Unanswered



Initial Complaint

05/03/2023

On April 3, 2023 \$270.70 was removed from My checking account by CLG, otherwise known as Consumer Legal Group. This transaction was NOT authorized. In fact o have the email showing where I DECLINED to use their services. Now the company refuses to refund the money taken from my account without my consent. I have contacted the company on numerous occasions asking for the money to be refunded, but they always have a lame excuse that I did not follow cancellation procedures. How do you CANCEL a service you DECLINED from initial contact? I have the email showing where I DECLINED to sign and use their services. I have all the emails requesting a refund, and all the documentation to show I. Imported the refund policy paperwork.

Complaint Type:

Problems with Product/Service

Status:

Unanswered



Initial Complaint

05/02/2023

This company keeps withdrawing,money from my account and I Want it to stop. This company is as Scam. I will have to close my account.

Complaint Type:

Advertising/Sales Issues

Status:

Answered



Initial Complaint

11/28/2022

I have been receiving multiple calls per day from this company since last week. They have called each day ***** times, with all unique phone numbers from all over the world. They only leave a few voicemails. They have identified themselves variously as CLG, the advantage approval department, and the Consumer Legal Group. They say I am approved for \$51,000. On one call they asked for a "******". I have answered a few calls and told them I didn't request a loan and that they have the wrong number associated with this account in their system. I have also told multiple people on these calls that I am on the Do Not Call list. I even returned a couple of the voicemails so I could clear up the misunderstanding and reiterate that I'm on the *** list. They are not interested in fixing it. They just hang up on me if I say anything other than "I'm interested ". And still, they call me multiple times per day. I don't answer now, but it's aggravating. I missed several Dr.s calls because I have the phone ringer turned off. What kind of recourse do I have? How do I get them to stop calling? I deleted the caller ID's from last week, but attached are some recent ID's. Thank you for your help.



Business response

12/01/2022

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Complaints Summary

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- 12 complaints closed in the last 12 months.
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                                     Case No. 8:23-bk-10571-SC
    GROUP, P.C.,
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              Debtor.
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Deposition of JASON REDHUN, conducted virtually via Zoom videoconference. Pursuant to notice, before Cara M. Foster, Registered Professional Reporter and Stenographic Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 11973, in and for the State of California.

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1	PROCEEDINGS
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3	THE STENOGRAPHER: We are going on the record.
4	The time is 7:04 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.
5	I would like to introduce myself. My name is
6	Cara Foster. I am your California CSR for today. My
7	license number is 11973.
8	Before I swear in the witness, would counsel
9	place their appearances on the record, please?
10	MR. RICHARDS: Ronald Richards for the
11	deponent, Jason Redhun of the CLG Law Group.
12	MR. ELGIDELY: Robert Elgidely of Fox
13	Rothschild on behalf of the Creditors Committee.
14	MR. MISKEN: Kenneth Misken, Assistant
15	United States Trustee on behalf of the United States
16	Trustee.
17	MR. COUSINEAU: David Cousineau on behalf of
18	Creditors Debt Validation Fund 2, MCDVI Fund 1 and MCDVI
19	Fund 2.
20	MS. JOHNSTON: Sara Johnston with Dinsmore &
21	Shohl on behalf of the Chapter 11 Trustee, Richard
22	Marshack.
23	JASON REDHUN,
24	was called for examination, and after having been duly
25	sworn under penalty of perjury by the stenographic

1 certified shorthand reporter, was examined and testified 2 as follows: 3 EXAMINATION 4 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 5 Ο. Good morning, Mr. Redhun. 6 Α. Good morning. 7 My name is Robert Elgidely. I am one of the Ο. 8 attorneys for the Creditors Committee in the Litigation 9 Practice Group case. 10 Do you understand that? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Have you ever had your deposition taken Okav. Ο. 13 before? 14 Α. Yes. 15 As you know, there are ground rules for 16 depositions that are intended to make the process 17 proceed as smoothly as possible. I'm going to ask you 18 this morning, and it sounds like this afternoon, some 19 questions under oath, and the court reporter is going to 20 record your responses. 21 In order for her to do so, you need to give 22 verbal responses. Responses such as yeah or uh-huh are 23 not acceptable; yes or no responses followed by an 24 explanation if appropriate.

Please wait for me to finish my question before

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- you begin to respond so that the court reporter can take down my full question, as well as your full response.
- That way, Mr. Redhun, we will get an accurate transcript of this proceeding.
 - If you don't understand a question that I'm asking, please tell me and I will rephrase it.

 Otherwise, I will assume that you understood the question that I'm asking.

As you also know, from time to time your counsel may lodge objections to certain of my questions. Typically, those objections will be to the form of my question. In those instances, you need to respond to my question. Those objections are just to preserve the objections for later proceedings if necessary.

The only time you're not allowed to respond to one of my questions is if your counsel instructs you not to respond on the basis of some privilege, such as the attorney-client privilege.

MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, I don't agree with that. He's designated voluntarily for certain items that we went through beforehand. If you ask him something that he's not been designated for, he's just not going to answer. I don't need to give him an instruction. He's only going to answer things that he has personal knowledge about.

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The other thing is, I would not assume this
witness is going to be here all day. He's here for
limited issues. So I would just advise you to get to
the heart of the matter and ask him the relevant
questions that we've designated him for so everyone has
a chance to ask their questions.
And I'm going to cut you off without prejudice
if you go on and on so every other party can ask some
guestions. So at least, without waiving your right to

if you go on and on so every other party can ask some questions. So at least, without waiving your right to continue the depo in the future, but I pulled this lawyer off of his caseload today so he can provide some testimony to the Committee on the relevant areas that we designated him on.

So I would just ask you to respect his time. He has a busy caseload himself. And at this point in the matter, we're still in the vetting process of the transaction as well.

So this is a completely voluntary deposition at this point, and I would just ask you to respect his time, and let's start asking questions. He's well-prepared for the deposition.

MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richard, can I start asking questions or do you want to keep going?

MR. RICHARDS: No, go ahead.

MR. ELGIDELY: I understand your issue. If

- there is an issue, we'll bring it before the judge.
- 2 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, where are you located this morning?
- 4 A. New York.
- 5 Q. Okay. Are you in your office?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And where is your office located?
- 8 A. 11 Broadway, 3rd Floor.
- 9 Q. Okay. Is that the offices of the Consumer
- 10 | Legal Group?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And how long has Consumer Legal Group occupied those offices?
- A. I can't say for certain. More than a couple of months.
- Q. Okay. Where was Consumer Legal Group located before that location?
- A. I don't have the exact address. It was, I
 think, Red Hook, Brooklyn. I was certainly in Brooklyn
 and it certainly was an industrial area. I think it's
 Red Hook.
- Q. Okay. As you know, sir, as an attorney, you're not permitted to exchange text messages with anybody during the course of your deposition or emails or anything of that nature.

1 Do you understand that? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. Okav. 4 Well, I understand that's requested. Α. I'm not 5 sure that's the rule, but I'll honor your request. 6 You understand that you're under oath Ο. Okav. 7 today during your deposition and you're not allowed to 8 communicate with anybody concerning the substance of 9 your testimony in the process of your deposition? 10 Do you understand that? 11 Yes, of course. Α. 12 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, just so we're clear, he 13 has a family and his office. You're not suggesting if 14 his wife texts him if there's an emergency at the house 15 or someone at the office has a question, he's not 16 allowed to look at his phone? 17 MR. ELGIDELY: If he needs to take a break, he 18 can take a break to communicate with somebody. I'm not 19 going to permit, and the rules do not allow for, 20 communications in the middle of a deposition. 21 highly unusual, and it will be something that we would 22 have to bring to the attention of the court. It doesn't 23 matter who that individual he is communicating with 24 is.

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BY MR. ELGIDELY:

- Q. Mr. Redhun, are you in the room -- is somebody else in the room with you or is it just yourself?
 - A. Just me.

- Q. Okay. What did you do to prepare for your deposition today, sir?
- A. I'm not sure that I did anything to prepare for today's deposition. Maybe I spoke with counsel, but I'm obviously not going to speak to those communications.
- Q. Okay. Did you review any documents in preparation for your deposition?
 - A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. Okay. And you indicated that you spoke with counsel. And again, without telling me what you spoke about which is privileged, when did you speak with counsel concerning your deposition testimony?
- A. Well, counsel and I spoke last night about the link for today's deposition. And then I don't know that we've had any other independent conversations about this testimony. It could be something that I discussed with him in passing. I just don't want to say, no, I didn't, when it's possible I did speak with him.
- Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that you have not had any lengthy meetings with counsel concerning your testimony today?
 - A. That's correct.

1	Q. Okay. Thank you.
2	Let me share my screen. Bear with me for one
3	moment, please. Bear with me. I'm just having some
4	technical difficulties.
5	Mr. Redhun, are you able to see the subpoena to
6	testify at the deposition that I've shared on the screen
7	today?
8	A. I see you have a file with 16 different files
9	in them. You haven't opened the actual subpoena.
10	Q. It's showing on my screen. So bear with me for
11	one second while I close that.
12	Mr. Redhun, have you reviewed the subpoena that
13	was issued for your testimony today?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Okay.
16	A. And it was not my testimony, it was the
17	testimony of Consumer Legal Group.
18	Q. Correct.
19	Sir, are you the individual that's been
20	designated by Consumer Legal Group to provide testimony
21	concerning the 20 categories that were set forth in the
22	subpoena?
23	A. I'm here, aren't I?
24	MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object because you
25	know that we had a conference, and we limited those to

- the categories we set forth in the conference. But he's
- here to testify to the areas that we've designated him
- $3 \mid \text{for.}$
- 4 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. And who designated you to provide that testimony, sir?
- 7 MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. It calls 8 for privilege. I'll instruct him not to answer.
- 9 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Okay. Why were you designated, Mr. Redhun, to be the representative with the most knowledge from
- 12 Consumer Legal Group concerning the subjects of
- 13 testimony set forth in the subpoena?
- MR. RICHARDS: Objection. Invades
- attorney-client work-product. I instruct him not to
- 16 answer.
- MR. ELGIDELY: This is going to be fun,
- 18 Mr. Richards.
- MR. RICHARDS: Well, he's a lawyer and you're
- 20 now trying to get into why we designated him and my
- 21 mental thought process and our communications. I don't
- 22 see how he could answer that question without invading
- 23 the privilege.
- Let's just stick with the facts. These are --
- why he was designated after consultation with counsel is

1 not a fact. That's privilege. 2 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, we're going to 3 have a lengthy call with the judge, but let's move 4 forward in the interest of time. 5 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 6 What is your relationship with Consumer Legal 7 Group, Mr. Redhun? 8 Α. I'm an attorney here. 9 Are you an employee of Consumer Legal Ο. 10 Group? 11 Α. Yes. 12 How long have you been employed with Consumer Ο. 13 Legal Group? 14 Α. A few months. I don't know exactly how long. 15 Are you a shareholder of Consumer Legal Ο. Okay. 16 Group? 17 Α. No. 18 Are you an officer? Ο. 19 Α. No. 20 Are you a director? Ο. 21 Α. No. 22 And in the few months that you've been Ο. 23 employed by Consumer Legal Group, have you -- do you 24 work full-time or part-time in those few months?

I don't understand the distinction.

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1 Part time is less than full time. Q. Okay. 2 That's less than eight hours a day, typically. 3 Are you regularly employed by Consumer Legal 4 Group as your full duties, or do you provide duties in 5 any other capacity or any other work? I'm not sure I understand the question. Α. 7 Sir, as an attorney that's been Ο. 8 practicing for over 13 years, is it your testimony that 9 you don't know the difference between full time or part 10 time? 11 Α. No, I know the difference. But there are 12 certain days where I work more than eight hours. 13 There's certain days I work less hours than eight. 14 Okay. Do you work anywhere else? Ο. 15 Α. Yes. 16 Ο. Where else do you work? 17 I have my own practice. Α. 18 And in terms of the percentage of time Ο. Okav. 19 in the last few months that you've worked with Consumer 20 Legal Group, what percentage of your time has been 21 devoted to your law practice versus your work for 22 Consumer Legal Group? 23 Α. I'm not sure that I can put a percentage on it.

It's certainly not 50/50, some days it might be 50/50,

some days it might be 80/20, one way or the other, and

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- 1 the other days it might be 80/20 the other way. 2 depends on the day. 3 Ο. Got it. 4 Let me try to share my screen again. 5 Let's see if it works this time. Bear with me. 6 Can you see your LinkedIn profile on the Okav. 7 screen, sir? 8 Α. Yes. 9 So your LinkedIn profile, it reflects Ο. Okav. 10 that --11 And this is your LinkedIn profile; correct? 12 This is your picture? 13 Α. It looks like it. That's certainly my picture, 14 yes. 15 Ο. Okay. And on your LinkedIn profile, it says 16 that you are the President of the Law Offices of Jason 17 Redhun, P.C.; is that correct? 18 Α. That's correct. 19 Okay. And is that the law firm that you were Ο. 20 testifying about earlier where you were employed in
- 22 A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. Your bio on LinkedIn doesn't say anything about Consumer Legal Group, does it?

addition to your work at Consumer Legal Group?

A. It does not appear to.

1 Q. And do you know why that is? Okay. 2 Because I haven't made any changes to it. Α. 3 In the motion to sell that the trustee Ο. 4 has filed, the trustee indicated that Consumer Legal 5 Group has substantial experience in the consumer debt 6 legal industry -- sir, I don't know if you could hear 7 me? 8 The trustee said in the motion to sell that Consumer Legal Group has substantial experience in the 9 10 consumer debt legal industry and a history of providing 11 legally compliant legal services to its clients. 12 Do you agree with those statements? 13 Α. The statements made by the trustee? 14 Ο. Yes. 15 Α. Yes. 16 And the trustee's declaration in support Ο. 17 of the motion to sell states, "I determined that the bid 18 from CLG was the highest and best bid, based not only on 19 the consideration proposed, but also on CLG's history, 20 experience, and prior compliance with applicable law." 21 Do you agree with those statements? 22 Α. Sure. Yeah.

Entity Information for Consumer Legal Group.

New York's Department of State Division of Corporations

Mr. Redhun, I've put on the screen the

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1 Do you see that? 2 Α. Yes. 3 And on the date of Initial Department of Ο. 4 State Filing, it reflects a date of May 18, 2022; 5 correct? 6 Α. That's what it says there. 7 So is it fair to say that Consumer Legal Ο. 8 Group has been in business just over a year? 9 Well, the corporation, according to what's on Α. 10 the screen, was incorporated in May of 2022. 11 Okay. And in order for a corporation to be in Ο. 12 business it needs to incorporate; correct? 13 Α. Not always. 14 Okay. So on behalf of the company, are you Ο. 15 testifying today that Consumer Legal Group, P.C. 16 conducted business prior to May 18, 2022? 17 That's not my testimony. Α. 18 Well, I'm asking you, how long has Ο. Okav. 19 Consumer Legal Group been in business? 20 Α. I don't know. 21 Ο. So you think it was about May 18, 2022, 22 before it was incorporated; is that your testimony? 23 Α. No. 24 MR. RICHARDS: Misstates his testimony. 25 You asked me -- and I'll explain THE WITNESS:

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You asked me if a corporation can conduct business without being incorporated. That is not a clear yes or no answer because it is possible for a corporation to have de jure status, whereupon it acts in furtherance of a corporation without the formal act of incorporating, provided that at some point it engages in the formal act of incorporating. And essentially, it ratifies the prior pre-incorporation acts. At which point, those pre-incorporation acts would be considered part of the corporation's business. So it is possible for a corporation to act without formally incorporating, and then informally incorporating and then ratifying those prior acts --

- 15 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- O. Mr. Redhun.
 - A. Please don't interrupt my answer.
- 18 | O. Please --
- 19 A. Please don't interrupt my answer.
 - Q. Okay. Go ahead.
 - A. Notwithstanding what I just said, I don't know when Consumer Legal Group was incorporated. I was not involved with that, so I can't answer questions about that. I can answer questions about general corporate law like I just did.

- 1 Q. Okay. 2 Α. Which is what your answer elicited. 3 I understand. Ο. 4 So, Mr. Redhun, you're designated to provide 5 testimony on behalf of Consumer Legal Group today; 6 correct? 7 Α. Yes. 8 MR. RICHARDS: Asked and answered. 9 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 10 How long has it been in business? Ο. 11 What I could see, based on the Α. I don't know. 12 screen, is that it was incorporated on May 18, 2022. 13 Ο. Okav. Do you have any reason to believe, based 14 upon the facts of which you have knowledge, that it 15 conducted business prior to May 18, 2022? 16 I don't believe so, but I don't know. 17 say for sure. 18 So if you look at the Department of Ο. Okav. 19 State, Entity Information for this entity, you'll see 20 that it is an active corporation and that it has a --21 let me just see here. Bear with me. There are no 22 individuals listed for the chief executive officer.
- Who is the chief executive officer of Consumer Legal Group?
- A. I don't know if Consumer Legal Group has a

- 1 chief executive officer.
- Q. Okay. And where was its principal executive office?
 - A. Well, our office is at 11 Broadway.
- Q. Okay. Is that the principal executive office or is there another branch office?
 - A. I don't believe that there is another branch office, but I also can state with certainty that the 11 Broadway address is its principal place of business.
 - Q. Okay. Is that where you go to work every time you go to work for Consumer Legal Group?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Now, if you look at "assumed named history", sir, you'll see that Consumer Legal Group registered assumed names of Legal Processing and Legal Fees on March 3, 2023.
- Do you see that on the Department of State's information?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And why were these assumed names registered with the Department of State on March 3,
- A. I don't know.
- 24 O. Okay.
- MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, just for clarification,

1 are you saying that they registered those exact names or 2 that's the category that the Secretary of State has 3 assigned those assumed names? I think we're not clear 4 about that. 5 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 6 These are the exact names that were 0. Okav. 7 registered by the company on these dates. 8 So my question --9 MR. RICHARDS: How do you know that? 10 Sir, if you look at the MR. ELGIDELY: 11 certificate of assumed name, when you click on the 12 information. And then if you go to the first page of 13 the Department of State's information page, you run 14 those names and they come up as being registered by the 15 Consumer Legal Group. 16 MR. RICHARDS: I'm trying to make sure I 17 understand your question. 18 Are you saying that they've registered the name 19 Legal Processing without anything else? That's the name 20 of the law firm now? 21 MR. ELGIDELY: Correct, it is a d/b/a. 22 And, Mr. Richards, on a break, you can verify 23 the basis or the foundation for my question by going to 24 the Department of State's website and searching for the

And you will see that Legal Processing

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assumed names.

is registered as an assumed name with the Department of

State for Consumer Legal Group, as is Legal Fees.

MR. RICHARDS: Okay. My only comment was there was a certificate that is linked to that name, and I was just wondering if you actually downloaded the actual certificate that would show what the name was? Like the full name, because it's usually company d/b/a something else. So that's why I just don't know the answer to that.

MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. You can verify that during the break of the deposition, sir.

MR. RICHARDS: All right.

MR. ELGIDELY: I was hoping the witness would have some knowledge about why these assumed names were registered, and why they were registered on those particular dates.

MR. RICHARDS: I just want to say one thing for the record. Since I had sent you the corporate records on Friday, if you had asked me to clarify that, I could have probably gotten that information. And I'll try to get you that information before the hearing.

I don't think there's a -- I don't know the reason for that either. Frankly, it's the first time I've seen that, but I'll find out because it just doesn't make sense to me that someone would reserve

- 1 a generic name and the Secretary of State would allow 2 you to have something like Legal Fees. That doesn't 3 make any sense to me. Yeah, okay -- yeah, that's not 4 their company. But I'll try to figure out what the 5 basis of why those entries were because I have no 6 knowledge either. 7 That's fine. MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. 8 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 9 So, Mr. Redhun, do you know why Consumer Legal Group was registering assumed names approximately 15 10 11 days before the petition date? 12 MR. RICHARDS: I'm just going to make one 13 objection. That to the extent it assumes a fact not in 14 evidence of those specific names. 15 And if you have any knowledge about why they 16 were registering just assumed names in general, you can 17 answer. 18 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge about that. 19 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 20 Okay. You testified that you started working Ο. 21 for Consumer Legal Group a few months ago. Was that
- A. Before.

Q. Okay. And are you the attorney that's in charge of the operation of Consumer Legal Group or are

after March 2023 or before March 2023?

1 you just being designated today to provide testimony on 2 behalf of the entity? 3 Well, the form of your question is 4 objectionable. But I would ask you to define and 5 interpret what you mean when you say "in charge"? 6 MR. RICHARDS: Well, it's compound. Let's just 7 answer one at a time, if we could, if you don't mind. 8 MR. ELGIDELY: It's fine. We'll move on. 9 And obviously, Mr. Richards, the more we get 10 delayed in terms of lengthy explanations of the basis of 11 your objections, that's going to delay the conclusion of 12 this deposition. 13 MR. RICHARDS: I just said it's compound. 14 don't we just ask one part and then the next part so we 15 know in the record. 16 MR. ELGIDELY: I'm going to move on. 17 MR. RICHARDS: Are you withdrawing the question 18 now? 19 MR. ELGIDELY: I'm withdrawing the question. 20 Okay. MR. RICHARDS: Fine. 21 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 22 Okay. Mr. Redhun, how many employees does Ο. 23 Consumer Legal Group have? 24 Α. I don't have an exact number. 25 Okay. Give me an approximate number?

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- Q. Okay. And 100 W-2 employees Consumer Legal Group has in the past year?
- A. I don't know. I don't get into how the employees are paid.
- MR. RICHARDS: Hold on. Mr. Redhun, he just asked you to give him an estimate of how many employees, not how many they are paid.
- You go to work every day. This is important.

 How many people are there? We do need to know that.
- THE WITNESS: I'd say 100. If you want to give
 me a couple of seconds, I could mentally run through the
 floor.
- MR. RICHARDS: By the way, Counsel, is your name produced Elgidely?
- MR. ELGIDELY: Elgidely.
- MR. RICHARDS: Elgidely. If it's important for you to know how many are W-2 versus something else, I've been to the office, so I'm assuming most are W-2. But if that breakdown is important, we could get that from financing and provide that to you. That's not a problem.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Yes, I would like a list of all the employees.
- MR. RICHARDS: No, we're not going to give you

1 a "list of all of the employees", but we could give you 2 a list of the numeric employees and how they are 3 allocated. But we're not just going to dump a list of 4 employees into the public record. 5 MR. ELGIDELY: No, you could give that to me 6 under the "attorneys' eyes basis only", Mr. Richards. 7 MR. RICHARDS: Okay. I'll work on that. 8 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 9 Mr. Redhun, how many independent contractors 10 had Consumer Legal Group utilized in the past year? 11 Α. I couldn't answer that. I have no idea. 12 I notice, Mr. Redhun, you signed the Okav. 0. 13 asset purchase agreement as "agent" for Consumer Legal 14 Group. 15 Can you tell me why you signed as "agent" for 16 the entity? 17 I'm not an officer of the corporation. Α. 18 Okay. Ο. 19 Mr. Elgidely, just one question. MR. RICHARDS: 20 On the independent contractors, are you also including 21 local counsel that CLG employs in other states or just 22 people that work in New York at the office? 23 MR. ELGIDELY: Just people in New York that 24 work in the office. 25 Thank you. MR. RICHARDS: Okay.

1	MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you.
2	BY MR. ELGIDELY:
3	Q. So, Mr. Redhun, you indicated you signed the
4	asset purchase agreement as "agent" because you're not
5	an officer or director of the entity; is that your
6	testimony?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. Okay. Is there any reason why an owner or an
9	officer or a director of the company wasn't able to sign
10	the asset purchase agreement?
11	MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object to the
12	extent it invades attorney-client privilege and
13	work-product.
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15	of our discussions with respect to you signing it, feel
16	free to answer.
17	THE WITNESS: No, I am heavily involved in the
18	subject matter of what's going on, and I am in constant
19	discussions with counsel. Basically hands are all over
20	this so it's me.
21	BY MR. ELGIDELY:
22	Q. Okay. But that's not my question, Mr. Redhun.
23	I mean, who has more authority on behalf of the
24	corporation, the owner of the company or you?
25	A. What do you mean "authority"?

1 Authority to act on behalf of the company. Q. 2 Does the owner of the company have more 3 authority or do you have more authority? 4 MR. RICHARDS: I'm just going to object to the 5 extent it calls for a legal conclusion, it's vague, 6 ambiguous, and unintelligible. 7 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, he's a lawyer. 8 Even if it calls for a legal conclusion, I think that he 9 can testify whether an owner of the company has greater 10 corporate authority to sign an asset purchase agreement 11 to purchase the assets of this business versus an 12 agent. 13 MR. RICHARDS: Okay. How about we just 14 stipulate to the obvious that an owner of a company has 15 greater authority. That's not really a fact in this 16 case, but I'll stipulate for the record that the owner 17 of CLG has more authority than Mr. Redhun because I 18 don't think it matters. 19 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, do you want to 20 testify on behalf of the company or is Mr. Redhun 21 testifying? I'm not sure, based upon your objections 22 here. 23 You know, typically an attorney objects based 24 on form or on privilege, but you continue to answer my 25 questions and provide lengthy explanations. Now you're

1 providing stipulations sir. 2 So it's not clear as to who the witness is for 3 this company. Is it Mr. Redhun or is it you? 4 it's you, sir, I'd ask you to limit your objections 5 based on the form or based on the issues of privilege or 6 work-project. 7 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, please don't raise your 8 voice. Why are you raising your voice? 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Because I'm confused who the 10 witness is, sir. 11 MR. RICHARDS: There're rules of civility in 12 the Central District. I'm just doing my job. 13 raise your voice. The record should reflect you're 14 yelling. And with respect to --MR. ELGIDELY: No speaking objections, sir, 15 16 please. 17 MR. RICHARDS: Sir, I made an objection based on calls for a legal conclusion. I set forth a bunch of 18 19 objections, and then you addressed me and argued with me 20 about why I made the objection. 21 So I was just explaining and trying to short 22 circuit it by saying, we would stipulate to the legal 23 conclusion, and now you're getting upset by it. 24 I'm happy to just make objections. Don't comment on them, and I won't comment to you. 25

1 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 2 Mr. Redhun, who are the owners of Consumer 0. 3 Legal Group? 4 Α. Aryeh Weber. 5 Ο. Just one owner? 6 Α. Yes, that I'm aware of. 7 Who are the officers of Consumer Legal Ο. 8 Group? 9 Α. I don't know. 10 Who are the directors of Consumer Legal Ο. 11 Group? 12 Α. I don't know. 13 Did Consumer Legal Group previously occupy Ο. 14 offices at 40 Wall Street? 15 I have an office at 40 Wall Street. Α. 16 Ο. You're on the 45th floor? 17 Α. That's correct. 18 Do you share offices with Hidrock Properties? Ο. 19 I wouldn't say we share. I mean, I kind of Α. 20 sublease. 21 Ο. Okav. You sublease from Hidrock Properties? 22 Α. Yes. 23 And, Mr. Redhun, are you familiar with Consumer Q. 24 Legal Groups' website? 25 Α. Yes.

- Q. Bear with me for one second. I'll put that up here.

 Mr. Redhun, do you see the website that I
 - A. Yes, but there's something not correct about what I'm looking at.
 - Q. What is not correct, sir?

pulled up on the screen here?

- A. Well, for starters, the CLG logo on the left is overwriting text on the website. The ABA, the American Bar Association, line looks to be cut off. It looks to me there's some sort of technological issue with what's on your screen.
- Q. Okay. Other than the line and the logo, do you see any errors in the content of what you're looking at?

 Does this look familiar to you?
- A. Well, I can only see a very, very small part of it. And to be frank, I generally look at the substance, not these sort of, like, buzz words.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever visited consumerlegalgroup.com, the website?
- 21 A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Did you prepare any of the content on this website?
- A. I may have. I think so. I certainly have edited it.

- 1 If you go to "About CLG", if you click on that, 0. "Our Firm", who are these individuals who are depicted 2 3 on the website? 4 Α. I don't know. Those probably are stock 5 images. 6 So these aren't actual people who work Ο. Okav. 7 at Consumer Legal Group? 8 Α. They could be because they're a lot of people 9 there whose faces look familiar. But, you know, I have 10 a very specific role. I go do my job. I don't really 11 fraternize or socialize with the people, so I don't 12 know. 13 MR. RICHARDS: I just have one objection, 14 I did not produce this witness to go over how 15 the website was constructed. Of course, if you want to 16 ask about content, feel free. But you didn't give us 17 any acknowledgement in advance that you had specific 18 website questions. And I don't think this witness 19 manages the website. 20 Okay. Is that an objection to MR. ELGIDELY: 21 scope, Mr. Richards? 22 Yes, it's an objection to MR. RICHARDS: 23 scope.
 - MR. RICHARDS: I don't want you to get into the

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All right.

- 1 minutiae of how the website is managed unless this 2 witness really does manage it. 3 MR. ELGIDELY: Again, I'd ask you not to make 4 speaking objections. If you want to object to scope, 5 all you have to do is say you object to scope. 6 I object to scope, potentially. MR. RICHARDS: 7 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 8 Mr. Redhun, I've clicked on "About CLG", and I Ο. 9 clicked on "Our Legal Team", and it loaded this page 10 which reflects Mr. Weber's picture and some information 11 regarding the nature of his practice.
- 12 Do you see that on the screen, sir?
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- Okay. You're not on here as part of the Ο. Consumer Legal Groups' team, are you?
 - Α. No, it doesn't look like it.
- In your declaration of the support of Ο. Okav. the motion to sell, you indicated that Consumer Legal Group employed four attorneys as part of its team and three -- I'm sorry. Four full-time attorneys and three part-time staff attorneys.

Do you see any of the other attorneys on this screen as part of the Consumer Legal Groups' team?

- Α. I don't. No.
 - Okay. And are you one of the four full-time Q.

1 attorneys, or are you one of the three part-time attorneys that's referenced in your declaration? 2 3 I think I consider myself full time, but give 4 me a second. And let me see if I want to clarify 5 that. 6 What are you looking at, sir, to clarify Ο. 7 that? 8 I was not looking at anything. I was counting Α. on my fingers. 9 10 No, I think I classify myself as part time 11 then. 12 Okay. Who are the other two part-time Ο. 13 attorneys that work at Consumer Legal Group? 14 Α. I don't see why their names are relevant to this. 15 16 Sir, this is absolutely relevant. Consumer 17 Legal Group is proposing to purchase the assets of the 18 And the nature of Consumer Legal Groups' 19 business, you know, who Consumer Legal Group is and how 20 it's going to service these accounts is 21 absolutely relevant. As well as the fact that in your 22 declaration, you make a point of stating that there are 23 four full-time and three part-time staff attorneys at 24 Consumer Legal Group.

MR. RICHARDS: Well, Counsel, you indicated

- that we could provide you those for "attorneys' eyes only" and that's what I think the basis of the concern is.
 - Do you want him to email them to me and I can email them to you?
 - MR. ELGIDELY: No, Mr. Richards. I asked you to give me the names of the hundreds of employees that Consumer Legal Group employs after the deposition.
- But I'm asking him now with the names of six
 individuals. The two other part-time staff attorneys
 and the four full-time attorneys that work at Consumer
 Legal Group. Since it is only six and it's relevant,
 I'm sure Mr. Redhun can answer the question.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. Would you mind restating the question?
- 16 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
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- Who are the other two part-time staff attorneys employed by Consumer Legal Group?
 - A. John Borelli and Albert Hamowi.
- Q. Okay. How do you spell Borelli?
- 22 A. B-o-r-e-l-l-i.
- Q. B-o-r-e -- go ahead.
- 24 A. L-1-i.
- Q. Okay. And Mr. Borelli is a part-time staff

1 attorney employed at Consumer Legal Group? 2 Α. Yes. 3 And who's the other part-time staff Ο. 4 attorney? 5 Albert Hamowi, H-a-m-o-w-i. Α. 6 Ο. Did you say "Albert"? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. And how do you spell the last name? 9 Α. H-a-m-o-w-i. 10 Okay. And who are the four full-time attorneys Ο. 11 employed by Consumer Legal Group? 12 Α. Jack Gross, Pandy Shen, Danitza Campbell, and 13 Ben --14 Sir, I need you to slow down. Ο. 15 You said Jack Gross. Is that G-r-o-s-e? 16 Α. I think his last name is G-r-o-s-s. 17 Q. Oh, I'm sorry, Gross, G-r-o-s-s. Okay. 18 And then Pandy you said? 19 Α. Pandy Shen, S-h-e-n. I believe that's her last 20 name. 21 Ο. S-h-e-n? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. Okay. Go on. 24 Α. Danitza Campbell. 25 How do you spell Danitza? Q.

- 1 A. D-a-n-i-t-z-a.
- Q. Okay. Next?
- A. And then there's Ben -- I think his last name is Ozure, but I'm not 100 percent sure.
- 5 Q. And how do you spell that?
- A. I think it's O-z-u-r, but I'm not certain.
- Q. Okay. And in your declaration, you indicated that you manage this team of attorneys; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And when did John Borelli start working for Consumer Legal Group?
- 12 A. A few months ago.
- Q. Okay. About the same time you did?
- 14 A. Yes. Same answer for Albert.
- 0. Okay. And how about Jack Gross?
- A. Jack came on after me. I don't know the date or the month for you.
- Q. Okay. And you said you started some time prior to March of 2023; correct?
- A. There's a long -- yeah.
- Q. And Pandy Shen?
- A. I don't know if she came on before Jack or after Jack. I don't remember, honestly.
- Q. Okay. But during 2023?
- A. You know what, I couldn't even tell you if 2023

- or late 2022. I don't remember. I'm telling you, the time flies by. I could hardly keep track of my own stuff.
 - Q. Okay. How about Danitza Campbell?

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- A. Also, I don't know if Danitza Campbell came
 before Pandy, after Pandy, before Jack -- I don't know.

 And Ben is recent.
 - Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say then,
 Mr. Redhun, that this team of attorneys at Consumer
 Legal Group, the majority of these individuals, were
 only hired in 2023?
- A. I wouldn't say that. That's not a proper characterization of testimony.
 - Q. Okay. Which ones were hired prior to 2023?
- A. Again, I just told you. I don't know when everybody was hired.
 - Q. So you tell me that my characterization is improper, but you can't identify any of the lawyers who were hired prior to 2023?
- A. Well, I would not commit to stating that all those individuals were hired in 2023. That's my testimony.
 - Q. Which ones do you think were hired in 2022?
- A. I don't know. I don't know. We can get their employment records and find out when they started. I

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- Q. All right. I'll ask your attorney to send that to me at the conclusion of the deposition.
 - How many consumer clients did CLG provide consumer debt resolution services to in 2022?
 - A. I don't have that number.
 - Q. Approximately?
 - A. I'm not -- I'd be speculating, so I'm not going to answer.
 - Q. So being the designated representative of Consumer Legal Group concerning the purchase of the debtor's assets, you're unable to testify today concerning the number of consumer clients that CLG provided consumer debt resolution services to during 2022?
 - A. I don't want to answer -- I don't want to give an answer that potentially may be false. And I'd be speculating as to what the exact number is, and I can tell you why I can't give you an exact number.
 - Q. Okay. I'm asking you, sir, what the exact number is or the approximate number.
- You're unable to give me an approximate?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Was it less than 5,000 or more than
- 25 5,000?

1 Α. I would say more than five, but again, I'd be 2 speculating as to what that answer is. 3 Do you have any records or any documentation that would reflect the number of consumer 4 5 clients in 2022? 6 I'm sure the company could get you that Α. 7 information. 8 Ο. Okay. Great. I am requesting that. 9 In 2023, excluding the 12,546 client files that 10 CLG acquired from the debtor, how many consumer clients 11 did CLG provide consumer debt resolution services to? 12 Again, I'd be speculating if I answered. Α. 13 Ο. And you're unable to even approximate; 14 is that your answer? 15 Α. Correct. 16 How many 1099's did Consumer Legal Group 17 issue to local counsel and other states in 2023 related 18 to consumer debt resolution services? 19 I don't have the exact number because certain Α. 20 attorneys cover more than one state. 21 Ο. Just give me an approximate? 22 Did you ask about the year? Α. 23 Ο. Yes, 2022.

is my -- that's one of the things that I do, and I don't

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- recall at the end of 2022 how many people I had in place for that, so I'm not sure.
 - Q. Okay. You're unable to approximate?
 - A. Again, I don't want to give an approximation.
 - Q. Okay. How about in 2023, how many 1099's were issued to local counsel for consumer debt resolution services?
 - A. Probably more than 20, I would say.
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- A. Yes, but again, I don't get into how those tax structures are in place. I'm pretty sure that we pay with 1099's. But, again, some counsel have more than one state. Some counsel have, like, three states. So, again, I couldn't tell you for sure.
- Q. In the time that Consumer Legal Group has been doing business, has it been the subject of any complaints by any State Attorney General Offices concerning alleged violation of consumer protection laws?
- 21 A. Not that I'm aware of.
 - Q. And what about Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, were there any complaints concerning alleged violations of consumer protection laws to your knowledge?

1 Α. Not that I'm aware. 2 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, when you say 3 "complaints", you mean like actions filed against the 4 firm? 5 MR. ELGIDELY: No, I'm talking more in terms of 6 any investigations, any inquiries, any, you know, target 7 letters, or anything of that nature. 8 MR. RICHARDS: Okay. I think his answer is 9 sufficient then. 10 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 11 Well, Mr. Redhun, do you agree in terms of when Ο. 12 I say "complaints", do you understand that includes 13 investigations, target, letters, inquiries, and anything 14 in relation to alleged violations of consumer protection 15 laws? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Okay. And your answer with regard to the State Ο. 18 Attorney General Offices, that's still no to your 19 knowledge; is that still your answer? 2.0 Α. Correct. 21 Ο. Okav. Great. 22 How about Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 23 a no to your knowledge? 24 Α. Correct. 25 How about the Federal Trade Commission, Q. Okav.

- 1 anything of that nature from the Federal Trade 2 Commission? 3 Not to my knowledge. 4 I'm going to share my screen. Bear with Ο. 5 me for a moment. 6 Well, are you aware, sir, of what the Consumer 7 Legal Groups rating is with the Better Business Bureau? 8 Α. No. 9 Were you aware that the Consumer Legal Ο. Okav. 10 Group has an F rating with the Better Business Bureau? 11 I told you, I wasn't aware of what the rating Α. 12 was. 13 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, this is outside the 14 And I can tell you that they service some of the 15 LPG files, they got wrongly dragged into Better Business 16 Bureau issues. And that was disclosed to the trustee, 17 and those were not from clients of CLG. Those were LPG 18 clients that filed complaints. So I'm not going to have 19 him get into that. But we did disclose that to the 20 trustee. 21 MR. ELGIDELY: I was asking the witness for his
 - MR. ELGIDELY: I was asking the witness for his testimony and the corporation's testimony.

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Again, Mr. Richard, I would ask you not to testify unless you are offering to be the witness in today's deposition.

- 1 MR. RICHARDS: It's outside the scope. 2 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 3 All right. Let me share my screen. Bear with 4 I'm trying to pull this up. 5 Mr. Redhun, are you able to see the document 6 that I pulled up from the Better Business Bureau? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Okay. Have you ever visited the Better Ο. 9 Business Bureau website concerning the information it reports on Consumer Legal Group? 10 11 Α. No. 12 Okay. Do you see there it reflects an F BBB Ο. 13 rating? 14 Α. You changed something on your screen. 15 I'm sorry. Ο. 16 MR. RICHARDS: We're reading your notes, 17 Counsel. Should we close our eyes? 18 No, that's fine. You can read MR. ELGIDELY: 19 them. 20 MR. RICHARDS: All right. Let's move on, 21 Counsel. He doesn't know anything about the Better
- MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, this is my deposition, please. I'm not moving on, okay.
- 25 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

Business Bureau.

1 Can you see that now, Mr. Redhun, the Better Q. 2 Business Bureau rating? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Okay. And you see there it reports an F Q. 5 rating? 6 Α. Yes. 7 And you see that there are several Ο. 8 complaints against the Consumer Legal Group; correct? 9 MR. RICHARDS: Hold on, please. Go back. says, "12 complaints closed"; correct? 10 11 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I'm not asking if they 12 were closed. They were opened, Mr. Richards. 13 asking --14 It says, "12 complaints closed." MR. RICHARDS: 15 Mr. Richards, please. MR. ELGIDELY: 16 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 17 Mr. Redhun, do you see there are 12 customer Ο. 18 complaints against Consumer Legal Group reported with 19 the Better Business Bureau? 20 I can't say that they were reported to the Α. 21 Better Business Bureau. What I could say is that the 22 screen reflects there were 12 complaints -- and you just 23 changed the screen, and I can't see. 24 Ο. Now, I'm pulling up the complaints, Right.

sir, so that you can see what the subject of the

1 complaints are. 2 Do you see that there was an initial complaint 3 made on June 6, 2023? 4 I see what's stated there. I can't speak to Α. 5 the complaint, obviously. 6 Okay. And do you see there was another 7 complaint filed on May 15, 2023? 8 Α. I see somebody filed something that's reported 9 on this website. 10 Okay. And you see that there was another 11 complaint on May 3, 2023? 12 Α. Same answer. 13 A second complaint filed on May 3, 2023? Ο. 14 Yeah, but if you look at the complaint, it Α. 15 says, "Our account with LPG." 16 Right, but you recall that Consumer Legal Group 17 acquired accounts from LPG, over 12,000; correct? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Okay. And then it says, "By LPG, then Consumer Ο. 20 Legal." 21 You actually see the name "Consumer Legal 22 Group" in this complaint; correct? 23 Α.

Okay. And then you see there's another

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1 Could I read the complaint? Would you Α. Yeah. 2 let me read it for a second? 3 Ο. Sure. 4 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, I mean, if he doesn't 5 have personal knowledge of this, what facts are we 6 trying to elicit? I don't really understand the basis 7 of this. Okay. Mr. Richards --8 MR. ELGIDELY: 9 If he knows about it, he should MR. RICHARDS: 10 answer it. But why are you showing him complaints --11 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, yet again, another 12 speaking objection. 13 You know, this is my first deposition I've ever 14 taken with somebody with so many speaking objections and so much testimony provided by the lawyer. 15 16 The witness asked me to show him the complaint 17 on May 2, 2023, so that he can see it says, "This 18 company", referring to Consumer Legal Group, "keeps 19 withdrawing from my account, and I want it to stop. 20 This company is a scam. I will have to close my 21 account." 22 Did I read that correctly, Mr. Redhun? 23 And I will state that we have almost Α. Yes. 24 always issued a refund to almost anybody that 25 complains.

Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about refunds.

Okay. And the complaint June 6, 2023, it says, "These \$240.61 was refunded without the additional fee a week later."

The complainant then goes on to say that he was asked on June 2, 2023 that he needed to fill out a refund request, and he asked "How or why? I don't have a contract or request for services with them, so why would I have to fill out a refund request for them to refund me the money they weren't supposed to take out in the first place? Then fraudulently withdraw my account, and I'm only assuming that I will have to wait another week for my \$240 to be refunded, not to mention the total of \$58 in NSF fees I'll just have to swallow."

Did I read that correctly?

A. Yes.

- Q. So you agree, sir, that the Better Business
 Bureau website concerning Consumer Legal Group reflects
 complaints concerning refunds to customers; correct?
- A. Counsel, anybody can file a complaint about anything they want on any website. That's not assuming it's remotely factually accurate.
- Q. Well, that's not my question, sir. I'm asking you if the Better Business Bureau's website for Consumer Legal Group reflects complaints about customers, whether

- they were factually correct or incorrect, concerning refunds to customers?
 - A. It only makes sense then to read the two items that were beneath that complaint to give context to the complaint.
 - Q. Okay. And in terms of the -- let me get back on the screen here. Bear with me for one moment.
 - Okay. Sir, is there a reason why you don't look at the Better Business Bureau website concerning Consumer Legal Group in your capacity as one of the team of lawyers at CLG?
- 12 A. It's not relevant to what I have to do.
- Q. Okay. In your declaration you testified about standard operating procedures that you implemented at CLG; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.

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- Q. When were those SOPs implemented?
- A. Initially, and then they get tweaked over
- Q. Okay. But when was "initially", sir? When were they first implemented?
- A. Well, I can't answer that. I don't know for sure.
- Q. Approximately?
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- Q. Okay. Did you produce or did the company produce to the Creditors Committee these standard operating procedures that were first implemented and the amendments thereto?
 - A. I don't know. I would have to ask counsel.
- Q. Okay. Do you know whether the company produced the standard operating procedures to the trustee?
- A. Again, I would have to consult with counsel. I've never produced anything directly to the trustee.
- Q. Okay. You also reference in your declaration policies and procedures that are maintained and utilized by CLG; correct?
- A. Maybe. I don't know. I don't have the declaration in front of me.
- Q. Well, as the witness for CLG, are you aware of policies and procedures separate and apart from the SOPs that are referenced in your declaration?
 - A. I would need a specific question to be able to answer that specifically.
 - Q. Okay. Does CLG mean team policies and procedures separate and apart from the standard operating procedures?
 - A. Well, we have general policies. We have

specific SOPs. So I'm not sure exactly -- again, I'm not trying to be evasive, but you're asking me a very broad and general question, and I'm not able to answer such a broad and general question.

- Q. Okay. Were all of the policies that are utilized in the operation of CLG's business produced to the trustee and to the Creditors Committee?
- A. I don't know. I don't have personal knowledge about what was produced.
- Q. Sir, I'm just trying to understand the basis for the assertion and the motion and the trustee's motion and declaration that CLG has substantial experience in the consumer debt legal industry and a history of providing legally compliant legal services to its clients.

Do you know what those assertions are based upon? What documents are those assertions based upon?

- A. I don't know that they're based on specific documents. That statement is based upon my experience, you know, as well as the other attorneys in the office.
- Q. Okay. And the trustee also refers to CLG's history experience in prior compliance with applicable law.
 - And you recall that the New York Department of

- 1 State reflects the date of corporation of May 18, 2022. 2 So I'm trying to understand what documents CLG provided 3 to the trustee showing its long history experience in 4 compliance with applicable law? 5 Can you tell me what those documents were? 6 I'm going to object. MR. RICHARDS: It assumes 7 a fact not in evidence. Lack of personal knowledge. 8 Calls for speculation as to what the trustee and his 9 counsel put those arguments or comments in their papers, 10 and outside the scope. 11 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 12 Okay. Let me pull up another document here. Ο. 13 MR. RICHARDS: Madam Court Reporter, we've been 14 going an hour whenever. You need to take a break, will 15 you let us know, please? Lawyers will keep talking if 16 you don't interrupt us. 17 THE STENOGRAPHER: Thank you. 18 MR. RICHARDS: You're welcome. 19 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 20 Mr. Redhun, can you see the email that I pulled Ο. 21 up or do you still see my notes? 22 I see what looks to be an Outlook inbox. Α. 23 Do you see an email from Ronald Richards Ο. Okav.
 - A. I see a number of emails.

to Nicholas Koffroth from my office?

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1 Actually, let's take a MR. ELGIDELY: 2 five-minute break so I can get these documents in order. 3 Hold on one second, please. We'll take five minutes. 4 THE WITNESS: Come back at 11:10? 5 MR. ELGIDELY: 11:10. Thank you. 6 (Off the record: 8:05 a.m. - 8:13 a.m.) 7 THE WITNESS: Before you ask anything, 9 or 10 8 of these complaints are related to LPG. And, obviously, 9 you know, we're not really responsible for what LBG is. 10 So to the extent there are two or three complaints 11 related to CLG, given the thousands of clients that we 12 do service, you know, those numbers kind of speak for themselves. Even if all 12 were related to CLG, that 13 14 also is not even a drop in the bucket. That's an eye 15 drop of a drop. 16 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 17 Ο. Mr. Redhun, are you now prepared to testify what the number of clients that CLG had in the consumer 18 19 debt legal industry when before you weren't even able to 20 approximate the number? I know there were thousands. Thousands is at 21 Α. 22 least two, and it goes into 900,000, right. I know that there are thousands. 23 24 Okay. I appreciate that information. Ο. obviously, the complaints themselves and the responses 25

thereto are the best evidence of the nature of the complaints.

So let's move forward, sir. So we were talking at the break about the representations about the long history that CLG had providing legally compliant consumer debt legal services to clients. And my questions were in relation to the standard operating procedures and the policies and procedures.

Do you recall that?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. And sitting here today, you can't recall whether those SOPs and policies and procedures were provided to the Chapter 11 trustee prior to the filing of the sale motion?
- A. That's correct. I don't know what was produced.
 - Q. Okay. And is it the same answer with regard to the Creditors Committee, you don't know if the SOP, policies or procedures were filed to the financial committee before the sales motion was filed?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. Mr. Richards has sent me an email on Saturday morning attaching three documents. It's called "Partial production" is the subject line. And what he attached was an IRS employer identification number letter, a

- 1 certificate of corporation for CLG, and a supplemental 2 declaration that was signed by you. 3 Do you know if this was the extent of the 4 documentation that was provided to the trustee regarding 5 the long history that CLG had providing legally 6 compliant consumer debt legal services to clients? 7 MR. RICHARDS: I'm just going to object that it 8 misstates the transmission. It was not to you. 9 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 10 It was to my firm; correct, Okav. 11 Mr. Richards? 12 MR. RICHARDS: It was to Mr. Nicholas 13 Koffroth. 14 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 15 Nicholas Koffroth; correct? Ο. 16 MR. RICHARDS: Yes. I just don't want the 17 witness to get confused. I sent it to him, not to 18 you? 19 All right. Thank you, Mr. MR. ELGIDELY: 20 Richards.
- 21 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, my question is, the three documents
 that are attached to Mr. Richards' email to the Fox
 Rothschild Law Firm, are these the three documents that
 were provided to the trustee to establish CLG's long

- history of providing legally compliant legal services to clients?
 - A. I don't know. I'm not the right person to answer about what Mr. Richards might have produced to somebody else.
 - Q. Okay. Who would be the right person?
 - A. Mr. Richards.
 - Q. Okay. So if we look in the employer identification number letter here, are you able to see that? I just opened it.
- Are you able to see the letter, sir, on your screen?
- A. No. I see your email.
- Q. Okay. Let me stop sharing the email and go to the letter.
- Do you see the letter now, sir?
- 17 A. Yes.

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- Q. And you'll see the letter is dated the same date on the New York Department of State website concerning the corporation date of CLG; correct?
- A. I don't recall offhand what the CLG date of the corporation was.
- Q. Would you like me to go back to the website to refresh your recollection?
- A. If you need to. I'll stipulate that the date

- of this notice, according to this document, states May 18, 2022.
 - Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that CLG had an employer identification number prior to May 18, 2022?
 - A. I don't understand the question, but I think I understand what you're asking me.

I think but -- I have no way of answering that one way or the other.

MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Elgidely, can you please take that down? I'm going to call back the document. Something didn't get redacted. I'm going to resend the same document but redact the identifying personal information. I'm going to send it right now. For some reason, I see something that I intended to redact is still on the screen so I'll send you one more version of that with one more redaction.

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- Q. Mr. Redhun, do you know whether the Consumer

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 today had an employer identification number prior to May

 18, 2022?
 - A. I don't know one way or the other.
- Q. Okay. Can you testify today about the documents that you provided to the trustee to establish

- CLG's long history of providing legally compliant legal services to clients in the consumer debt legal industry?
 - A. Again, I can only testify about things I know.

 I don't know what was produced to the trustee.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. I'm happy to answer questions about CLG's operations. I think that's what I'm here for.
- MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Elgidely, I've now sent you back the same document. You can repost it and use that one. It's called "V2". I redacted the inadvertent identifying information. Just let me know that you got it. I apologize for not catching that.
- MR. ELGIDELY: No problem.
- 14 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, were you aware that on May 25 of this year, the trustee had filed a lawsuit against Consumer Legal Group and others?
- A. I'm aware that the trustee filed a suit. I
 don't know about the date.
- Q. Okay. If you look at the top of the complaint, you'll see here it says May 25, 2023.
- Do you see that here at the top of the complaint?
- 24 A. I do.
 - Q. Do you have any reason to dispute that it was

1 filed on May 25, 2023? 2 Α. No. 3 And you see in the caption of the Ο. 4 complaint, it reflects Consumer Legal Group as a 5 defendant. 6 You see that on the bottom of the page there? 7 Ο. Along with a bunch of other defendants? 8 Α. Yes. 9 In the complaint, sir, the trustee alleged that Ο. 10 the debtor transferred over 12,000 client files to 11 Consumer Legal Group. 12 Do you understand that? 13 Understand the allegation or understand that Α. 14 the trustee made the allegation? 15 Do you understand that that's what the trustee Ο. 16 was alleging in the lawsuit that the debtor fraudulently 17 transferred over 12,000 client files to CLG? 18 It's my understanding that the complaint Α. 19 alleges a slew of things against a lot of different 20 people. 21 Ο. Okav. Well, we can go to the exact 22 allegations. 23 Is it your testimony, sir, that you don't know

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1 we're taking a deposition with testimony and a lot of 2 interested people, let's go to the actual allegation. 3 I'm happy to do that. Ο. 4 MR. RICHARDS: And just to caution the witness, 5 please don't testify to anything that I've told you 6 about the lawsuit or my impressions or comments. 7 THE WITNESS: Understood. 8 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 9 Okay. Let me pull up the amended complaint Ο. 10 that was filed. 11 So you looked at the original complaint, sir, 12 right, and you saw the date was May 25, 2023; correct? 13 When you say "original", what do you mean? Α. 14 The first complaint? Ο. Is there more than one? 15 Α. 16 Ο. I'm going to pull up the amended 17 complaint. 18 Could you see this says "Complaint 4", and it 19 lists six causes of action against Consumer Legal Group? 20 Α. I see that. 21 Ο. And you see the date is May 25, 2023; 22 correct? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Ο. Okay. Thank you. 25 Let me pull up the amended complaint.

1 Sir, do you see an amended complaint that was 2 filed on June 15, 2023, by the trustee against Consumer 3 Legal Group and a host of other -- you see Consumer 4 Legal Group, LPC on page 2 of 31? 5 You see that there, sir? 6 I don't know that I've ever seen this Α. 7 document before. 8 Ο. Okay. And you see it says "amended complaint" 9 as opposed to what the other document just said 10 "complaint"; correct? 11 Α. Yes. 12 And let me get to the allegations Okav. Ο. 13 concerning Consumer Legal Group. 14 If you look at paragraph 67, sir, you see "In 15 addition to fraudulent client file transfers to the 16 alter egos described above, trustee is informed and 17 believes and based thereon alleges that Diab" --18 Do you know who Diab is? 19 I know who the trustee alleges that he is. Α. 20 Have you had any conversations with Tony Diab Ο. 21 at any point in time? 22 Α. Maybe. 23 Okay. Why do you say "maybe"? Q. 24 Α. Because I'm not sure. 25 What was the subject of that Q. Okay.

- 1 conversation?
- A. I don't recall. I haven't -- I don't think
- 3 I've spoken to Tony Diab in at least 10 months, I would
- 4 say.
- Q. Okay. Do you know why you were speaking with
- 6 | him 10 months ago, approximately?
- 7 A. I think I wanted to know who he was using as
- 8 local counsel in various states.
- 9 Q. I'm sorry. You broke up a moment ago.
- Can you repeat what the nature of your
- 11 conversation was with Mr. Diab approximately 10 months
- 12 ago?
- 13 A. I think it had to do with finding local counsel
- 14 | in the various states.
- Q. Okay. How did you come to connect with
- 16 Mr. Diab?
- 17 A. I don't recall.
- 0. Okay. It was just a random call? You just
- 19 punched some numbers in on your phone and Mr. Diab
- 20 answered or --
- MR. RICHARDS: Objection. That's
- 22 argumentative. Come on.
- 23 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, did somebody introduce you to
- 25 Mr. Diab?

- A. I don't think anybody introduced me. I think
 that -- I knew that he was the principal of LPG, and he
 had a network of local counsel. And I think I probably
 reached out to him on a professional basis to see if he
 would share with me his network.
 - Q. How did you know he was the principal of the debtor?
 - A. I mean, you can look it up. But I don't recall how I initially made that contact.
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- A. I don't recall how I initially made that contact with him.
- Q. Okay. Well, would you have any emails or any documents that would reflect how you initially made contact with Mr. Diab?
- A. Unlikely.
- Q. Why is it "unlikely"?
- A. Because I remember speaking to him on the phone.
- Q. Was it just a Google search that led you to
 Mr. Diab?
- A. I don't recall, and I don't want to give a speculative answer.
- Q. Okay. Why was the debtor something that was of interest to you approximately 10 months ago?

1 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. 2 That's not what I said. THE WITNESS: 3 MR. RICHARDS: That's vaque. That misstates 4 his testimony, and we need to be specific. You mean, 5 LPG, why was that of interest or Tony Diab? 6 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 7 Okay. Why was the debtor entity LPG, why did 8 you initiate a call approximately 10 months ago -- or 9 have a call approximately 10 months ago with Mr. Diab, 10 who you understood at the time was the principal of 11 LPG? 12 Because it's my understanding that he had a Α. 13 network of local counsel in the various states, and I 14 knew that I needed to create my own local counsel So why reinvent the wheel when I could see if 15 network. 16 he would be willing to share his network with me. 17 Okay. Well, sir, you're running your law firm, Ο. Jason Redhun, P.C., at the time 10 months ago; 18 19 correct? 20 Α. Yes. 21 You weren't running Consumer Legal Group at the Ο. 22 time; correct? 23 Δ Correct. 24 So why was LPG's business and the network of

local counsel of interest to you approximately 10 months

- before you even worked for Consumer Legal Group?
- A. Because part of my work starting at CLG was to create this network.
 - Q. Okay. So now you are testifying that you had started CLG?
- 6 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. That misstates his 7 testimony.
- 8 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- 9 Q. Sir, I'm sorry. You're breaking up a little 10 bit.
- But I understood your testimony that part of
 your work in starting CLG was to create this network of
 local counsel?
- MR. RICHARDS: That misstates his testimony -hold on. Please give me an opportunity to object. That
 misstates his testimony.
- 17 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. So, Mr. Redhun, why don't you clarify your testimony in that regard?
- A. I didn't say that I started CLG.
 - Q. So why again was LPG's business approximately 10 months ago, you know, of relevance to you since you didn't work for CLG at the time such that you needed to contact Mr. Diab about the network of local counsel?
 - A. Part of the duties of mine at CLG is the local

- counsel network. When I came to CLG, when I onboarded at CLG, I knew that I had to set up that network.
- Instead of starting to call random people all over, I

 called somebody whom I believed already had a network in

 place to see if they would share that network so I

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- Q. Okay. I'm only confused, Mr. Redhun, because you testified that you started working for CLG a few months ago. But now you're testifying that you contacted Mr. Diab about a network of local counsel approximately 10 months ago.
- So in terms of the timeline, please, how do you reconcile those two answers?
- A. That's a good question. Because I don't know that I officially came on board at CLG until after the local counsel network was in place.
- It could be when I approximated 10 months, I was mistaken, which is why I approximated. It could be that I was at CLG longer than a couple of months. I don't have a timeline ready to go for you. But my answer in terms of creating the network of local counsel speaks for itself. That's one of the things I need to do.
- Q. Okay. So did you know whether Mr. Diab was a licensed attorney approximately 10 months ago when you

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- A. I had no idea nor was it of any interest -- I could care less.
 - Q. How did you find Mr. Diab's phone number?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Okay. Did you send him any emails to initiate the call or coordinate the scheduling of the call?
 - A. When you're asking something from somebody, it's typical that you call up and maintain a friendly approach as opposed to a very cold email.
 - Q. Okay. So is it your testimony that you did coordinate the call prior to actually having the call?
 - A. When you say "coordinate", I'm not sure what you mean.
 - Q. Okay. Did you say, please let me know if you're available on such and such day at such time so that we can have a call regarding your network of local counsel or something to that effect?
 - A. I mean, I probably just called the way I have -- I'm still trying to replace local counsel in certain states to this day.
- Q. Why didn't you call Mr. March? Why did you call Mr. Diab?
- A. I don't know. That's a good question.
 - Q. And at the time, were you contemplating the

- 1 | formation of CLG when you called Mr. Diab?
 - A. That's not my prerogative. It wasn't me that incorporates CLG. I had nothing to do with that.
 - Q. Okay. Were you contemplating CLG acquiring LPG's business at the time of this phone call?
 - A. That's not a "me" question.
 - Q. Okay. I thought, Mr. Redhun, though you testified that the reason you called Mr. Diab was to establish this network of local counsel for purposes of serving consumer clients; is that accurate?
 - A. That's accurate.
 - Q. Okay. And did you service consumer clients through your individual P.C. prior to coming on board with CLG?
- 15 A. Yes. I still do.

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- Q. Your law firm, your P.C. has a portfolio with consumer clients that you represent with regard to consumer debt services?
 - A. Now, it's a lot less than it once was.
 - Q. Okay. How much was it at its height?
- A. I don't know that I could pinpoint a specific area because there are times of my life and times of the year where I was busy doing X kind of work. And then sometimes the X kind of work would dwindle, and I would pick up Y, or I'd start doing a little bit of Z.

- 1 And then, you know, A or B would come along, and I'd 2 focus on that even though I had some files left over 3 from X, Y, and Z. So it's tough to differentiate 4 between the lines. When you are solo and you have a 5 small operation, you are kind of doing different things 6 until certain things take on more precedence than 7 others. 8 Ο. Okay. And this is the time during which you
 - Q. Okay. And this is the time during which you were a subtenant of Hidrock Properties; correct?
 - A. I don't recall because I've moved offices, I'd say, in the last year and a half.
 - Q. Okay. Going back to paragraph 67 of the complaint.
 - The trustee alleges that the LPG fraudulently transferred files without client consent to various fraudulent transferees.
 - Do you see that in paragraph 67?
 - A. I see the allegation.

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- Q. And in paragraph 69, "The trustee alleges that at or around the petition date, Diab admitted that LPG had transferred or sold approximately" -- and then it goes on -- "12,000 files to CLG, approximately \$3.3 million in revenue."
- Were you aware that was what the trustee was alleging in or about June 2023?

- 1 Α. No. 2 You had no idea what the trustee was alleging 3 against CLG in June of 2023? 4 Α. I was not aware that there was a complaint 5 filed. 6 That's not my question, sir. Ο. Okav. 7 My question is, did you understand the trustee 8 was alleging in his lawsuit against CLG that the debtor, 9 LPG, had fraudulently transferred 12,000 files 10 approximately to CLG and that represented approximately 11 \$3.3 million in revenue? 12 Did you understand that's what the trustee was 13 suing CLG for? 14 No, because I was unaware that there was Α. 15 another complaint filed. 16 You weren't aware that's what the original 17 complaint alleged, sir?

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- If they are similar allegations in the original Α. complaint, then yes, I was aware of what the similar allegation was in the original complaint.
- When did you first become aware that LPG Ο. Okav. was suing CLG?
- 23 I don't have an exact date. Within the last Α. 24 couple of months, I would say.
 - Okay. So for approximately the last couple of Q.

- months, you knew that the trustee was suing CLG;
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- Q. And you knew that it related to LPG's transfer of approximately 12,000 files to CLG; correct?
- A. I knew that was the claim that the trustee was making.
 - Q. Correct. You knew that for approximately the last couple of months; correct?
- 10 A. Yeah, that's why CLG was named in the first place.
- Q. Okay. And you know that the trustee was
 alleging that the file transfer represented
 approximately \$3.3 million in revenue for the past
 couple of months?
 - A. I don't know if I knew that.
 - Q. Okay. What, if any, involvement did you have on behalf of CLG relating to these file transfers?
 - A. None related to the transfers, except for our duties in servicing them when they came to CLG and working on those files.
 - Q. Do you know how the company became aware of the opportunity to acquire these files?
- A. I'm not aware. I'm not entirely certain.
- 25 Again, it's not something I deal with.

1 I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you. Your signal Q. 2 broke up for a minute. 3 MR. RICHARDS: You didn't hear his answer, 4 Mr. Elgidely? 5 I did not. MR. ELGIDELY: 6 Okay. Can the court reporter MR. RICHARDS: 7 read it back? 8 (The stenographer read back the answer.) 9 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 10 So, Mr. Redhun, you indicated that 11 approximately 10 months ago you contacted Mr. Diab 12 regarding his network of local counsel; correct? 13 Α. That was my testimony, yes. 14 Okay. And sitting here today as the Ο. 15 representative of the company in response to the company 16 subpoena, is it your testimony that you don't have any 17 idea how CLG first learned of the opportunity to acquire 18 the LPG files? 19 That's correct. I deal with the legal end of Α. 20 it. I don't deal with anything else. 21 Ο. Okav. Who would have dealt with the 22 acquisition of these files from LPG? Who at CLG? 23 Δ I don't know. 24 Were you aware that the company has a duty to

designate an individual that has knowledge concerning

- the subject matters that are set forth in the Committee subpoena?
- MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. Now,
 you're asking him for privilege, work-product, and his
 own legal opinion. We went through the categories he
 would testify to, and so this is an argumentative
 question.
 - MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I disagree, Mr. Richards, and again note your speaking objection.
- 10 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- Q. Mr. Redhun, what if any efforts did you make to identify an individual at CLG who could testify about the acquisition of LPG's files which is set forth in the trustee's complaints?
- MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. It's not in your deposition notice that specific category.
- 17 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Okay. Mr. Redhun, what did you do?
 - A. Well, we previously had a call and agreed to a scope of what the questions would be at this deposition.

 And I don't know that this was specified as part of that list, but I'm here to testify and answer questions about CLG's business and legal operations.
 - Q. Would Mr. Weber be the individual that is able to testify concerning CLG's acquisition of files from

MR. ELGIDELY: The Committee issued a subpoena to CLG's corporate representative and listed 20 categories of subject matters that would be -- that the witness -- that we sought testimony concerning.

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During our prior call, Mr. Richards, you indicated that Mr. Redhun could not testify to certain areas, but that doesn't excuse CLG from providing other witnesses who could testify to those other subject matters.

So because the issue of good faith relates to the relationship and dealings between CLG and LPG prior to the bankruptcy filing, the knowledge of a CLG witness concerning the relationship and transactions between those parties is absolutely relevant.

And I'm just trying to determine. I'm not asking the witness what occurred, you know, with regard to these transactions.

I'm asking him, based upon his experience as the senior lawyer at CLG, who at CLG has knowledge concerning its acquisition of files from LPG before the bankruptcy.

MR. RICHARDS: Respectfully, I think we're talking past each other. All I said was, he simply was not engaged in preparation for this deposition to answer those questions. We also told you on such short notice, this is who we would be producing to answer these categories.

We didn't limit perspective if you had to take another deposition in the future, someone on other

1 categories.

But it's not fair to ask this witness on a transaction he didn't participate in who would be the people that would have knowledge when he was never prepared to testify to that.

So let's move on to another subject because he's not going to be able to tell you the parties to that specific transaction because I didn't prep him for that, he wasn't designated for that, and we told you that before we did the deposition.

And you're implying on the record that we somehow had a duty to produce someone else, when we expressly told you, here's the only person we're going to produce to answer these operational categories.

Like I said, other stuff that you need for the purpose of the motion, I'm going to get you separately and send it over. So I'm happy to work with you and cooperate with you, but let's not burden this witness who has been testifying now for an hour and 45 minutes of things he has no personal knowledge of. It's not fair to him.

MR. ELGIDELY: First of all, the time crunch, the Committee didn't commit the time crunch. CLG and LPG created the time crunch.

Secondly, you indicated you were designating

- this witness. We didn't choose the witness. We chose
 the categories of testimony and the scope of testimony
 that the Committee was seeking.
 - So you can't just select a witness with limited knowledge and then, you know, tie the hands behind the back of the Committee regarding the scope.

This witness purports to be the senior attorney
at CLG regarding this consumer debt practice. And
certainly in his experience and his knowledge as to the
acquisition of over 12,000 files from LPG, he can
testify about who at the company may have knowledge
concerning that transaction. That's absolutely relevant
to CLG's good faith.

- So I'm going to continue the questioning.
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- Q. Mr. Redhun, does John Borelli have knowledge concerning the acquisition of LPG files?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. How about Albert Hamowi?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. How about Jack Gross?
- A. Unlikely.
- Q. How about Pandy Shen?
- A. Unlikely.
- Q. How about Danitza Campbell?

- 1 Α. Unlikely. 2 Ο. How about Ben Ozur? 3 Α. No. 4 How about Mr. Weber? Ο. 5 Α. Potentially. 6 Thank you. Ο. Okay. So sitting here today, you have no knowledge 7 8 about how the opportunity to acquire these files from LPG came about; is that your testimony? 9 10 No, I'm saying that I'm not -- I'm not sure. Α. Ι 11 know that they're -- there's probably a very simple 12 answer that I'm not privy to. 13 The same way that an associate at a law firm is 14 given an assignment and he's told to work on that, and 15 that's kind of the scope of his work and his 16 involvement. 17 And is it your testimony that it's pure Ο. 18 coincidence that you contacted Tony Diab 10 months ago 19 concerning his network and local counsel and CLG's 20 subsequent acquisition of approximately 12,000 files 21 from LPG, that's pure coincidence? 22 Not a coincidence. Α. 23 Okay. Were they related then? Ο.
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- Q. Okay. Did your call with Tony Diab approximately 10 months ago spur conversations concerning the acquisition of LPG files?
- A. No, because that's not something that I dealt with, have any involvement, I'm responsible for, or I'm nothing like that. I'm a boots on the ground person.
- Q. So CLG's subsequent acquisition of LPG files had nothing to do with your call with Tony Diab approximately 10 months ago; is that your testimony?
 - A. I believe so, yes. That's correct.
- Q. What, if any, consideration did CLG pay for the 12,000 files?
- A. I don't know. I would have to find out who would know the answer to that question.
 - Q. Do you know whether CLG had performed an

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- A. I don't know that we did. But, again, I don't know.
 - Q. Where are the closing documents maintained for CLG's acquisition of client files from LPG?
 - A. I need to think about that. I'm not really sure.
 - Q. Okay. Again, you're the senior attorney at CLG that handles these consumer debt files?
 - A. I am an attorney working at a law firm that services clients. There's a difference between a rainmaker and a guy that sits in an office, or a female -- I don't mean to go into that -- but there's a difference between somebody whose job it is to bring business into the firm and somebody's whose job it is to bring in the actual work. I'm the person who does the work.
 - O. Who is CLG's rainmaker?
- A. I was giving you a metaphor basically outlining
 the distinguishing factor between what I do and what I
 don't do.
 - Q. And in your experience as the senior attorney at CLG overseeing the team of lawyers on consumer debt files, you don't know who the rainmaker is during that

period of time?

A. My job and my role is to make sure that when clients have files with suits attached to them that were coming in, they're being handled efficiently, by confident people, where things are not falling through the cracks, we're getting information from the clients, relaying that information, and we're taking care and protecting the client's interest. That's not my job. That's what we do at CLG. That's our role.

We are there to represent mostly people that cannot afford proper legal representation who are being sued and heavily outmatched by well-resourced and powerful corporate institutions. And these individuals who can never, in their wildest dreams, afford an attorney at Fox Rothschild, who would otherwise be left unrepresented, defending themselves, pro se by huge collection corporations, we are the last line of the defense between those individuals and them having their financial condition turned upside down, having judgments entered against them, having their wages garnished, and having their homes and assets taken away. That's what I'm charge of.

Q. Okay. But being in charge of a team of seven lawyers, including yourself, you don't know who was involved in acquiring the client files from LPG; is that

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- A. Servicing these clients is more than a full-time job. We go from putting out fire to fire --well, thankfully recently, those fires are no longer as prudent as they once were.
- Q. Sir, again, my question is limited to your knowledge about who was involved in the acquisition of files from LPG.

And it's your testimony that as the senior lawyer at CLG and the individual that signed the asset purchase agreement as an agent, the person that's been designated by the company for the deposition today, you have no knowledge of what individual or what individuals were involved on behalf of CLG in the acquisition of LPG files; is that your testimony?

A. You asked a very loaded and compounded question.

I can tell you what we've been working on in connection with the case that we're all here about in terms of why --

- Q. Sir, I'll rephrase the question.
- Who was involved at CLG in the acquisition of files from LPG?
- A. I don't have the answer to that right now.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Thank you.

1 All right. The time is 11:52 Eastern Time. 2 understand that you have a court appearance, Mr. Redhun. 3 How long do you anticipate that court 4 appearance will take? 5 THE WITNESS: I don't know. The last two times 6 the court attorney was delayed for about 15 minutes, and then the whole conference lasted anywhere between 7 8 20 minutes and 30 minutes. So let's give me 45 minutes 9 to cover myself. And if I'm not back, it's because I'm 10 still on that conference. 11 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. So we'll resume the 12 deposition at 12:45 Eastern Time; is that acceptable to 13 Or would you prefer 1 o'clock to give you a little 14 bit more time? 15 THE WITNESS: No, I want to get this over with 16 so let's keep it 12:45. And what I'll do is, I'll email 17 Mr. Richards, and I'll tell him if I'm delayed or not. 18 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. So we'll all sign back on 19 at 12:45 Eastern Time. And just to give you a sense of 20 how long it will take, maybe another hour to 90 minutes. 21 I don't anticipate that we'll be going much longer, but 22 we'll sign back on at 12:45 Eastern. 23 (Off the record: 8:53 a.m. - 10:04 a.m.) 24 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 25 Good afternoon, Mr. Redhun. Q.

1 Good afternoon. Α. Just to remind you, you are still under oath. 2 Q. 3 Do you understand that? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. Great. 6 Mr. Redhun, before we had taken a break, we 7 were talking about the trustee's complaint against CLG 8 that was filed on May 25th. 9 Do you recall that? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Okay. Do you know why CLG has not filed an 0. 12 answer to the complaint in the past two months? 13 Α. I was --14 MR. RICHARDS: Hold on. That calls for 15 attorney-client privilege, work-product, and that's in 16 our stipulation. You probably don't know that because 17 you're not the main counsel, but there's a stipulation 18 giving us an extension of time. 19 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 20 Okay. Let me go to share my screen. Bear with 21 me for one second. 22 Mr. Redhun, I've put on the screen a 23 I don't think it's the stipulation that stipulation.

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1 And it is a stipulation in the lawsuit regarding 2 the partial settlement of claims and modification of the 3 order on the trustees omnibus emergency motion as to 4 covered parties and Defendants Consumer Legal Group, 5 P.C. and LGS Holdco LLC. 6 Are you familiar with this stipulation, sir? 7 I think so. I would prefer to see all 13 Α. 8 So if you could zoom out so I could see the 9 entire complex? 10 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Elgidely, that was the 11 stipulation I was referring to. There should be a 12 provision in there that has an extension. 13 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 14 Before I go through all the 13 pages, Ο. 15 Mr. Redhun, I just want to ask you, on the 13th page, is 16 that your signature on behalf of Consumer Legal Group, 17 P. C? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Do you know why an owner, officer, or Ο. 20 director of Consumer Legal Group, P.C. did not sign this 21 stipulation? 22 Α. No. What's the date on this? 23 24

July 6, but you signed it, it looks like, on June 29.

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1 Do you see that to the left of your signature 2 block? 3 Yeah. I do see that. Α. 4 I don't know why I signed it as opposed to 5 anybody else. I know that I've been working on it with 6 everything so maybe that's the answer. 7 Did you have any discussions with 8 anybody at Consumer Legal Group other than Mr. Richards 9 concerning the motions that culminated in this 10 stipulation? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Who did you discuss it with? Ο. 13 Α. Mr. Weber. 14 Okay. And what did you say to Mr. Weber? Ο. 15 Α. I think that might be privileged. 16 You're a party to the lawsuit. One corporate 0. 17 representative speaking to another corporate 18 representative, what is the basis of your privilege 19 assertion? 20 Α. Well, that would certainly fall within the 21 context of document or information prepared in the 22 contemplation of litigation, which is privileged. 23 Q. Do you represent -- are you the attorney for 24 Consumer Legal Group in this litigation? 25 Have you filed an appearance?

1 A. No.

- Q. Okay. Has Mr. Weber?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Okay. So sitting here today, you are unwilling to tell me what you and Mr. Weber discussed concerning the negotiations that culminated in this stipulation?
 - A. Well --

MR. RICHARDS: My only objection is, it's lack of personal knowledge and assumes a fact not in evidence with respect to his negotiations.

MR. ELGIDELY: He said he just talked to
Mr. Weber. I mean, how is that lack of personal
knowledge? I asked him, did he have any communications
with other representatives of Consumer Legal Group other
than you, Mr. Richards, concerning the negotiations that
culminated in this stipulation, and he testified, yes,
Mr. Weber. And so I think he has personal knowledge of
what he said to Mr. Weber and what Mr. Weber said to him
and those are non-privileged.

MR. RICHARDS: I'm not quarreling with you. I was just trying to point out that I negotiated with the trustee one-on-one with his counsel and that there was no negotiation. You used the word "negotiation" in your question with Redhun for this stipulation. That's all I'm telling you. I don't know what he talked about with

- Mr. Weber, and if it was him passing along a message for me. I don't know.
- MR. ELGIDELY: That's why I asked him. This is fair game.
- 5 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- Q. Mr. Redhun, unless Mr. Richards is going to
 assert the attorney-client privilege in response to my
 question concerning what discussions you had with
 Mr. Weber that resulted in this stipulation, you'll have
 to answer the question, sir?
 - A. Well, I think that any communication between parties themselves concerning pending litigation, which results in a stipulation that gets filed in court, are certainly protected by the attorney-client privilege or work-product.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, is that your position?
- MR. RICHARDS: Come on, Counsel. Did I make an objection or instruction?
- MR. ELGIDELY: No, but --
- MR. RICHARDS: Hold on. He's in New York. He
 runs his law office. I don't know the context. I don't
 know if he's passing on a message. I'd have to go
 off-line and explore the privilege, and we don't have
 the time to do that.

1 I'm not saying anything right now. He's a 2 He knows what he's doing with respect to lawver. 3 privilege, and I don't know what privilege he's 4 referring to. 5 Again, I don't know. I'm just saying, I didn't 6 make an objection or an instruction to that question. And I can't -- without further talking to my client, I 7 8 can't help out or not help up. He's going to have to 9 make that decision on his own. 10 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 11 Mr. Redhun, you signed the NSF purchase Ο. 12 agreement as an agent for Consumer Legal Group; 13 correct? 14 Α. Yes. 15 You signed this stipulation as the Okav. 16 authorized representative of Consumer Legal Group; 17 correct? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Earlier you testified, as evidenced in Ο. 20 the two declarations you filed in support of the motion 21 to sell, that you were the senior attorney handling the 22 subject files at Consumer Legal Group overseeing a team 23 of four full-time attorneys, three part-time attorneys,

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- Q. I'm asking about the stipulation, sir.
 - Did you render legal advice to Mr. Weber concerning the terms and conditions of the stipulation with the trustee?
 - A. I think any answer that I would give you, other than my answers immune from response from this because of the attorney-client privilege, might theoretically waive that privilege, and it's not proper here.
 - Q. Again my question, sir, is, when you discussed the terms and conditions of the stipulation that was ultimately filed with the court on July 6, 2023, with Mr. Weber, did you render legal advice to Mr. Weber concerning those terms and conditions? That's a yes or no answer.
 - A. I have to think if I can even answer that question yes or no without violating the privilege. Give me a second.
 - Q. How much time do you need to think, sir? Do you want to take a five-minute break?
 - A. Sure.
- MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Elgidely, then I'm going to instruct him to call me because I have no way of understanding this issue.
 - Is that okay with you? Not that he's

precluded, but I just want to disclose I'm going to talk
to him now because you're taking a break, and I don't
understand the issues.

MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, you said, I didn't invoke the objection, he did. He's an attorney. He knows what the attorney-client privilege is.

So again, during my deposition, I don't want him to confer with you, Mr. Richards. It is either it is privileged and you, Mr. Richards, as counsel of record are invoking the privilege on behalf of the client or supporting the client's invocation of the privilege or it's not privileged. So I just want an answer. Yes, we'll take five minutes.

MR. RICHARDS: Hold on. I'm not agreeing to go off the record yet.

In California, we don't have a rule you can't talk to your client during the deposition. I'm just letting you know, I know some states do. There's nothing improper. The local rules don't like it when there's a question pending, but he has a constitutional right to talk to his lawyer, and there's no preclusion whatsoever in California.

So I'm letting you know right now that, if you want to take a break -- he's going to ask me my opinion on the privileged issue because he has a right to do

that, and I'm going to invite him to do that. If you don't want him to ask me, we should not take a break, and you should either accept what he's saying, ask further questions, or move on.

- I just want you to let you know, if we take a break, that will happen. I'm just disclosing it so you have an opportunity to ask some more questions before I talk to him.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Mr. Richards, I'm not going to take a break. I disagree with you regarding California law. You can't consult with counsel while a question is pending. You can consult with counsel, I agree with that, but you can't consult with counsel regarding a pending question before the question is answered.
- So I'll move on. And I don't agree that it's privileged, but I'll move on in the interest of time.
- MR. RICHARDS: No problem. I just want to also point out, he did answer the question. You just didn't like his answer, and we can move on.
- MR. ELGIDELY: He would not testify about what he said to Mr. Weber. He didn't answer that question, Mr. Richards. He said he had conversations, and I asked him what the conversations were. And I asked, did you give legal advice, and he said I can't even answer that

- 1 question. I can't answer yes or not because it might 2 waive the privilege. I'm going to move on. Let's not 3 waste any more time on this. 4 MR. RICHARDS: You got it. 5 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 6 But your testimony, Mr. Redhun, was there were 7 conversations with Mr. Weber concerning the terms of the 8 conditions of this stipulation; correct? 9 I don't think you asked me in the plural. Α. 10 think you asked me if I spoke with Mr. Weber, and I 11 think I answered that in the affirmative. 12 Was it just one conversation or were there Ο. 13 multiple conversations? 14 Α. I don't recall. There was certainly one. 15 Okay. Do you recall whether that conversation Ο. 16 was before or after you signed the stipulation on behalf 17 of the company?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Mr. Richards was your counsel of record at the time this stipulation was being negotiated; correct?
 - A. He was counsel for Consumer Legal Group.
- Q. Right. That's what I mean.
- Well, you're here on behalf of Consumer Legal
- 24 Group; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 So Mr. Richards was counsel of record Q. Okay. 2 for Consumer Legal Group at all relevant times during 3 the adversary proceeding from May 25 through the present 4 day; correct? 5 Α. That's my understanding. 6 Does Consumer Legal Group have any other Ο. 7 counsel of record in the adversary proceeding followed 8 by the trustee? 9 Α. I don't know. 10 Mr. Elgidely, just to point out, MR. RICHARDS: 11 there are two firms Greenspoon Marder and my office so 12 we have a truthful record. 13 MR. ELGIDELY: Okav. I appreciate that. 14 Those are the two law firms MR. RICHARDS: 15 representing CLG, Greenspoon Marder, specifically Dan 16 Lev and myself, Law Offices of Ronald Richards & 17 Associates, A.P.C. Both bar and admitted to the Central 18 District Bankruptcy Court. 19 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I was just going to the 20 signature block to see if any of the attorneys from CLG 21 signed it, but I don't see any of the attorneys' 22 signatures. 23
 - MR. RICHARDS: Just for the record, that's because we haven't made an appearance in the case yet because the stipulation provided an extension. That's

1 why. 2 MR. ELGIDELY: Understood. Thank you. 3 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 4 So, Mr. Redhun, looking to the terms of the Q. 5 stipulation in the opening paragraph, it says that 6 "Consumer Legal Group, P.C. along with its related 7 company LGS Holdco, LLC." 8 Do you see that in the first paragraph? 9 Α. Yes, I do. How is LGS Holdco related to CLG? 10 Ο. 11 It's my understanding that they are related Α. 12 with respect to capital and financing. 13 Ο. What do you mean by that? 14 Α. I don't understand the question. Well, you said they were related regarding 15 Ο. 16 capital and financing, and I'm asking you to explain 17 that. 18 What does that mean? 19 Α. I think that LGS Holdco has loaned money to 20 Consumer Legal Group. 21 Ο. Typically, when a company like -- such as a 22 bank, loans money to a customer as a borrower, that's an 23 arms length relationship; correct? That doesn't make

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- Q. Okay. So I'm asking you, other than the fact
- 3 that LGS Holdco, LLC loaned money to Consumer Legal
- 4 Group, P.C., what if any other relationship exists
- 5 between the two entities?
- 6 A. I think that is the extent of their
- 7 relationship.
- Q. Okay. There's no common ownership of these two
- 9 | entities?
- MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. It
- 11 misstates the evidence. He already testified to that.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I'm asking the questions,
- 13 Mr. Richards. You can object. It's noted for the
- 14 record.
- 15 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- 0. I didn't hear an answer.
- Mr. Redhun, is there any common ownership
- 18 between Consumer Legal Group and LGS Holdco?
- 19 A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Okay. Any common officers or directors?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- 0. Was LGS Holdco involved in fundings CLG's
- 23 acquisition of the 12,000 plus files from LPG in early
- 24 2023?
- A. I'm not entirely sure. That's my answer. I

- 1 know I left you hanging on the end, but I'm not entirely 2 sure. 3 Do you know what LGS stands for? Ο. 4 Α. I do not. 5 In Section 1.3 of the stipulation, it contains Ο. 6 various deliverables by CLG. 7 Do you want to take a moment to review 1.3? 8 Α. Yeah. Do me a favor and zoom out? 9 Can you still read it? Ο. 10 Yeah, it's clearly cut off on the bottom. Α. 11 I'm going to scroll down as you read to get to 0. 12 that section. 13 Did you read 1.3 through (i) to the 14 bottom of page 4 -- strike that. Let me try it a 15 different way. 16 Does Section 1.3 provides that "Within seven 17 calendar days of CLG's signature of this stipulation, 18 CLG will provide a declaration to the trustee under 19 penalty of perjury from its managing attorney attesting 20
 - And in Roman (i) it says, "CLG's lack of any personal business, or financial arrangements with LPG or Tony Diab, aside from its purchase of the CLG acquired clients or anything else that has been disclosed to trustee."

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1 Did I read that correctly? Α. 2 Yes. 3 Was such a declaration provided to the Ο. 4 trustee? 5 Α. I don't know. 6 You signed this stipulation, sir, obligating Ο. 7 the company to provide this declaration within seven 8 calendar days of June -- we'll call it June 30, the last 9 signer of the stipulation, and today is July 17. 10 So sitting here today, you don't know if this 11 declaration has been provided to the trustee pursuant to 12 1.3 (i)? 13 Α. I don't have any personal knowledge whether a 14 declaration was provided to the trustee. 15 Ο. Okav. 16 If your question is, if I provided one to the 17 trustee, I have not provided anything to the trustee 18 directly. 19 Okay. Do you know who the managing attorney of Ο. 20 CLG is? 21 Α. It might be me. 22 Who else could it be? Ο. 23 Α. Jack, but it's probably me. 24 Okay. Did you sign such a declaration within Ο. 25 seven calendar days of your signature of the

- A. I believe so.
- Q. Okay. Can you email that to me?

Are you at a location where you could email that declaration to me?

MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, we provided two declarations at the request of the trustee, and then we set up this deposition. So the parties to the agreement have not -- and the judge continued the hearing on the motion to the date of the sale.

There's not a separate declaration he signed other than the two that we've been provided. If the trustee needs a third that's going to say the same thing that he's going to testify to today, I'm sure they'll ask us for one.

But I'm letting you know that we got redirected on other things, and the stipulation has not been approved yet. And so if there's something missing, the trustee would let us know if they want a third declaration, but we've gone back and forth.

So I don't have anything to send you other than the two we've sent you which should cover that concern.

But if it doesn't, the trustee will let us know and we'll provide a third.

There's a reason why one was not provided. So

- I don't think we should spend time on looking for something that's not there.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Respectfully, Mr. Richards, I
 know you don't want to spend time on it, but this is my
 deposition, our witness, and we're trying to get to
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- Q. Mr. Redhun, the Section 1.3, doesn't say that, that these deliverables will be provided upon court approval of the stipulation, does it?
- It says within seven calendar days of CLG's signature of the stipulation; correct?
- A. Without reading the entire agreement, I can't give you my opinion. But I would also say that a stipulation is really subject to being so ordered by the judge.
- Q. Sir, I'm asking you what this says. The first clause in 1.3, does it say within certain days of approval of the stipulation or does it say within a certain number of days of CLG's signature of the stipulation?
- A. There might be other language in the agreement that triggers that exact thing that you're asking about.

1 You're right, there could be. But I'm asking Ο. 2 you about what this says? 3 1.3 speaks for itself. I don't know why you 4 need me to opine on that. 5 Ο. It says, "within seven calendar days of 6 CLG's signature of the stipulation." 7 So my only question was whether it was 8 provided -- sounds like you don't know if it was 9 provided, but certainly something was provided. 10 appreciate that explanation, Mr. Richards. 11 So with regard to Roman (i) it says at the end 12 "or anything else that has been disclosed to the 13 trustee." 14 Do you know what that language means? I mean, 15 was there something else that was disclosed to the 16 trustee that's intended to encompass, or was it limited 17 to the lack of any personal business or financial 18 arrangements with LPG or Tony Diab? 19 The language of anything else that has been Α. 20 disclosed to this trustee is rather vaque. 21 Like I've said, I have not provided anything 22 directly to the trustee. So I don't know that I'm the 23 proper person to answer that question. 24

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Okay. Going to Roman (ii), which also follows

1 signature of the stipulation" it says, "A list and 2 summary of all attorneys employed or retained by CLG to 3 service the CLG acquired clients." 4 Do you know -- and maybe Mr. Richards can 5 add -- whether such a list has been provided to the 6 trustee? 7 Α. Again, I don't know. So I'm not the right 8 person to answer that question. 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards? 10 THE WITNESS: He's not under oath here. He's 11 not testifying. 12 MR. ELGIDELY: Well, he's been testifying all 13 morning. All day he's been testifying. 14 THE WITNESS: No, he's been doing his job. 15 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. 16 MR. RICHARDS: I'm not going to become the de 17 facto deponent. 18 I can just tell you that there's settlement 19 communications that have involved numerous exchanges, 20 and that I don't think there's a concern about our 21 compliance with the stipulation, and if there is one, it 22 will be brought to my attention quickly. But I don't want to get into how the different 23 24 things have changed, but I could tell you that no one 25 has contended we're in breach of the deliverables under

- 1 | the settlement agreement.
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- Q. Okay. So, Mr. Redhun, as the individual that's signed this on behalf of CLG, you don't know if the deliverable in 1.3(ii) was provided?
 - A. I have no personal knowledge. Yes, I'm going to state the same answer.
 - Q. Okay. And would the same thing hold true regarding (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) Roman numerals?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. So this stipulation was filed July 6 in which the trustee had touted the long history of legal compliance by CLG. But yet, Section 1.3 (iv) requires a detailed summary of the services CLG provides within seven calendar days.
 - Do you know why the trustee was asking for this information the day before the motion to settle was filed?
 - A. That's not a question for me. That's a better question for the trustee.
 - Q. Okay. 1.4 says "CLG agrees that within 10 calendar days after execution of this stipulation by all parties, CLG will provide trustee with financial statements, profit and loss statements, and balance sheets."

- Do you know, Mr. Redhun, as the individual who signed this stipulation on behalf of CLG, whether that deliverable was delivered timely?

 A. Again, I have not provided or communicated
 - A. Again, I have not provided or communicated anything with the trustee directly, so I can't answer your question. "Cannot" to the extent that maybe you heard "can" or whatever. Sorry.
 - Q. How about 1.6, do you know if that deliverable was provided?
 - A. I'm going to give the same answer. I have no personal knowledge as to whether CLG provided anything directly to the trustee.
- MR. RICHARDS: And my objection will just be outside the scope.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I understand.
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- Q. Section 1.8 of this stipulation provides for CLG's payment of 40 percent from CLG fee share clients to the debtor's estate.
 - Are you familiar with that provision?
- A. I don't see the word "debtor's estate" in there. I also would need to see what the definition within the stipulation of CLG fee share clients is. I would also need to see the rest of the paragraph before I could even potentially give you an answer.

1 Q. All right. Let's do that.

If you look at the second whereas clause, it speaks to -- it says, "For some of the CLG acquired clients, CLG contends that it paid reasonably equivalent value. And that's defined as CLG non-fee share clients. And for others, CLG agreed to pay 40 percent of the revenue earned from the CLG acquired clients, and that's defined as CLG fee share clients."

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Q. Okay. Now, your other question is you wanted to see the whole provision, so let's go back to that provision. 1.8.

Why don't you take a moment to read that.

- A. Can you zoom out again, please?
- O. Sure.
- A. Okay. This is a dense paragraph.
- O. It is.

But would it be fair, if I summarized it as saying that CLG is going to pay 40 percent from all CLG fee share clients to the trustee for the benefit of the debtor's estate?

A. Well, I would disagree with your part about the debtor's estate. I understand why you said that, but this does not reference that. So let's just start with

- that. The second thing of it is, it says CLG is going to withhold 40 percent of receivables.
 - Q. How about the language I just highlighted?
 - A. Okay. What's your question?

- Q. Okay. So does this agreement or this provision say that CLG, after an accounting, will provide the 40 percent of the CLG fee share client revenue to the trustee?
- A. I didn't read that. I don't mean to quibble with you about the language, but I will. I don't read it that way.
 - Q. How do you read it, sir? How do you read it?
- A. So CLG is going to withhold 40 percent. It's going to work on harmonizing the accounting. After the accounting is harmonized and resolved, CLG will make monthly payments of the resolved amounts, and then provide the trustee with an accounting, and remit any amounts previously withheld to the trustee.

So it's going to withhold 40 percent and then do its thing. It's going to do an accounting. After the accounting is resolved, it's going to make monthly payments of the resolved amounts. What resolved amounts though? The amount that's, I guess, subject to the accounting.

Q. So, Mr. Redhun, even though you signed this

1 document after discussing it with Mr. Weber and 2 presumably with Mr. Richards, you're unclear as to 3 what's to be remitted to the trustee from the 40 4 percent? 5 Α. No, I remember reading it. And this was the 6 kind of thing where I had to stop everything that I was 7 doing and really give it my full-undivided attention. 8 And asking me a quick interpretation of what 9 we've already agreed upon is a dense paragraph, it's not 10 fair to me. 11 Ο. I don't mean to be unfair. 12 MR. RICHARDS: Well, you sort are respectfully, 13 Robert, because he's really here for operations. 14 not going to be segregating the money. That's not what 15 he does there. 16 But, I mean, we understand the stipulation, but 17 again, I'm just letting you ask him the questions. 18 still haven't gotten into whether he knows whether he 19 has any relationship --20 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, another speaking 21 objection. 22 MR. RICHARDS: No, I'm not. Sorry. 23 You're speaking more than the MR. ELGIDELY:

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MR. RICHARDS:

1	BY MR. ELGIDELY:	
2	Q. Mr. Redhun, in the second whereas clause, do	
3	you understand the second whereas clause? How about we	
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7	Q. Okay. Do you understand it today?	
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9	Q. Okay. Now, what do you understand the	
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13	A. What's the relevance of my understanding of	
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16	the petition date, and it goes to the good faith of your	-
17	company CLG or the company you work for.	
18	A. What do you mean "good faith"?	
19	Q. Sir, I'm not here to answer your questions.	
20	I'm asking you what you understand the	
21	highlighted sentence to mean?	
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you this question, Mr. Redhun.

1 It's clear to me that you don't want to testify 2 about this. If you did, I don't know why you're 3 fighting me so much. 4 Α. I'll just say that the language speaks for 5 itself. 6 Okay. So let me tell you how I interpret this Ο. 7 provision. 8 So at the time CLG acquired the 12,546 client 9 files from LPG, it has taken the position in this 10 litigation that it paid reasonably equivalent value for 11 some of the clients. And that's defined in this whereas 12 clause as CLG non-fee share clients. 13 Do you agree with that so far? 14 Α. I would need to hear the first part of what your interpretation was before I could agree to that. 15 16 I don't know why you're fighting me about this 17 language. It speaks for itself. You're not contending 18 that it's vague and ambiguous. 19 Mr. Redhun, there's a reason I'm asking this, 20 and I'm going to get to the reason, okay. 21 In this paragraph, again this sentence I should 22 say in the second whereas clause it says, "For some of 23 the CLG acquired clients, CLG contends that it agreed to

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- A. Yes. What's there is what you read.
- Q. Okay. And so at the time that CLG acquired these so-called CLG fee share clients from LPG, it agreed to pay 40 percent of the revenue earned back to LPG, the debtor; correct?
 - A. That's what this says.
- Q. Okay. So in this stipulation that's a partial settlement with the trustee, CLG is just agreeing to comply with what it was already obligated to do, meaning to give the 40 percent to LPG; correct?
- A. No, it's saying that the 40 percent that you just read is a recital to this agreement because this whole agreement is essentially a product of litigation which is the product of various allegations between the parties.
 - Q. Okay. Let me ask it this way, sir.
- When CLG acquired these client files from LPG, it agreed with regard to some of the files to pay 40 percent of the revenue earned back to LPG; correct?
- A. It doesn't say who the 40 percent is going to go to actually.
- Q. Okay. Let's go back to the second paragraph.

 For others, CLG agreed to pay --
 - Who else would CLG pay 40 percent of the

- revenue earned from files that it acquired from LPG?
 Who else?
 - A. I don't know, but this paragraph doesn't say who.
 - Q. Okay. And you don't know who, as the person who signed this stipulation on behalf of CLG?
 - A. Now that you've highlighted the deficiency in the drafting of it, you've made me feel a little bit foolish.
 - Q. Okay. So, sir, isn't it true that under Section 1.8 of the stipulation, CLG is merely agreeing to honor its obligation to LPG by withholding and remitting after an accounting, 40 percent of the revenue earned from CLG fee share clients?
 - There's no additional money. This is not like the trustee's getting any additional money with regard to the CLG fee share clients. He's merely obtaining CLG's compliance --
- A. Stop scrolling.
- Q. Merely obtaining CLG's compliance with its preexisting obligation?
- A. Scroll down a little bit?
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- 24 A. Stop.
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 - A. I don't know if this paragraph relates to a settlement agreement with the trustee or if it relates to an agreement involving LPG.
 - Q. Do you know who the trustee is a representative of?
 - A. He's the trustee appointed by this court on behalf of the debtor estate.

And I'm going to insert one other thing about bankruptcy. I made a huge mistake taking that class in law school. I don't do any bankruptcy work. I understand more or less the way bankruptcy works, but whenever I see a file approaching the realization, the actual realization that it's going to go to bankruptcy, I'm going to have to send it to somebody who has more knowledge than me.

So I kind of sound a little stupid, I understand that, but I'm also not going to answer questions about things that I don't handle on a day-to-day basis.

- Q. Understood. Thank you for explaining that to me.
- Mr. Redhun, this stipulation was negotiated obviously as a result of the lawsuit that the trustee

1 | filed, correct, against CLG?

- A. That's my understanding, yes.
- Q. It says, "partial statement of claims."

Do you know if there has been compliance by CLG with regard to Section 1.10 in terms of CLG's obligation to deliver to the trustee or to provide to the trustee information relating to any and all payments made within the preceding four years to LPG, Tony Diab, and any of the covered entities and individuals described in the June 2 order and to any of the defendants in the fraudulent transfer action?

- A. Again, I don't have personal knowledge whether CLG provided anything to the trustee, so I can't answer. I'm sorry.
 - O. Understood.

What is your understanding of the scope of the release that the trustee has given to CLG through this stipulation?

MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. It calls for a legal opinion/conclusion. It's outside the scope of his knowledge. I'm going to instruct him not to answer that.

MR. ELGIDELY: I'm just asking him what his personal understanding as a lawyer practicing over 13 years as the managing attorney of the proposed buyer of

1 the debtor's assets and as the party who signed this stipulation. 2 3 Certainly, he has an opinion that is not the 4 product of consultation and advice from you, 5 Mr. Richards, or the Greenspoon Marder Firm as to his 6 understanding of the scope of the release that the 7 trustees providing through this stipulation. 8 MR. RICHARDS: I don't know if he could answer 9 that without invading privilege. It's also not 10 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible 11 evidence. His lay opinion about what the release means, 12 it speaks for itself. I think you are going too far 13 Respectfully, I'm going to instruct him not to 14 answer on that question. 15 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Mr. Richards, where in 16 the stipulation does it provide for the extension of 17 time -- I think I missed it -- to answer the complaint? 18 I don't see that in here. 19 THE WITNESS: Are we off the record? 20 MR. ELGIDELY: Let's go off the record for 30 21 seconds. 22 (Off the record: 10:48 a.m. - 10:48 a.m.) 23 MR. ELGIDELY: We're back on the --24 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, asked me a stipulation --25

Main Document RedPage 173 of 311 1 Only one person can speak at a THE WITNESS: 2 Come on. You all know how this works. time. 3 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, asked me a guestion 4 before we went off the record, where in the stipulation 5 we get the extension. I have 80 active files. Ι 6 couldn't remember that exact paragraph within one second 7 so we went off the record and the deponent pointed out 8 it's 10.1. 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Yes, which says, "CLG has 10 granted a 90-day extension of time to respond to the

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- Mr. Redhun, do you know what the state of the Ο. litigation would be between the trustee and CLG if the sale goes through, if the sale is approved by the court?
 - That's a question that I think is more Α. appropriate for Mr. Richards. And I'm exceptionally grateful for his involvement and his understanding of the way the bankruptcy law works.
- 21 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
 - So my question is whether the litigation between CLG and the trustee would continue to remain pending, notwithstanding the sale of the debtor's asset to CLG if it's approved by the court?

1 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. Calls for 2 speculation. Attorney-client. Work-product. Lack of 3 personal knowledge. Outside the scope. 4 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 5 Ο. Okay. And all of those objections, you still 6 can answer that, Mr. Redhun. Particularly, since there 7 are some filings with the court concerning what the 8 state of the litigation would be if the sale of the 9 debtor's assets is approved by the court to CLG? 10 I don't mean to be annoying, but just Α. Okav. 11 ask me your question again pointedly. 12 Can't we just read it back? MR. RICHARDS: 13 MR. ELGIDELY: No. Mr. Richards, again, this 14 is my deposition, okay. 15 BY MR. ELGIDELY: Are you aware, Mr. Redhun, that the litigation 16 17 between the trustee and CLG would continue, according to 18 documents filed with the court, notwithstanding the sale 19 of the debtor's assets to CLG, if such sale is approved 20 by the court? 21 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. Calls for 22 speculation. Lack of personal knowledge. 23 Attorney-client. Work-product. Outside the scope. 24 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, it's certainly the

witness who signed the stipulation on behalf of CLG and

1 who was intimately involved. Earlier he testified this sale is all me, and he's been party to all of these 2 3 documents, has personal knowledge of what the state of 4 the litigation would be. But if you're instructing the 5 witness not to answer this very simple question, and you 6 don't want to cooperate on that point, then that's fine. 7 We'll move forward. 8 MR. RICHARDS: Well, I never instructed him not 9 to answer, Counsel. I made --10 MR. ELGIDELY: You asserted attorney-client 11 privilege. 12 MR. RICHARDS: I did, but I didn't instruct him 13 not to answer. I just objected. There was no 14 instruction. I'm allowed to object under privilege. 15 I'm just telegraphing that I'm making an objection. And 16 the witness, I didn't instruct him. He can answer it if 17 he wants. THE WITNESS: I would like to think that if the 18 19 court approved the sale, the court would recognize that 20 tens of thousands of mostly indigent consumers would now 21 have confident proper legal representation, otherwise 22 they would be left unrepresented. 23 So I would like to think after CLG is 24 recognized for helping all of these individuals out, the 25 litigation would end against them, but I can't say for

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- 2 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
 - Q. Okay. But is it your understanding and belief at the time you signed this stipulation on behalf of CLG, that the litigation between the trustee and CLG would conclude if the court approved the sale of the debtor's assets to CLG?
 - A. I don't know if that stipulation that we just went over pertained to the pending claims by the trustee against CLG or if it pertained to the potential acquisition of those claims, so I can't answer.
 - Q. Do you want me to pull it up again?
- 13 A. Sure.
 - Q. Okay. Is it on your screen?
 - A. Yeah, but I don't have control over it.
- Q. I understand. I'm happy to scroll as you request, sir.
- So you see it's a stipulation that was filed in
 the lawsuit and it says, "Partial settlement of claims
 and modification of order on the trustee's emergency
 motion with regard to Consumer Legal Group and LGS
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My question again, sir, is whether it was your understanding, belief, hope, whatever it may be, that if the sale of the debtor's assets to CLG is approved by the court that the litigation between the trustee and CLG would conclude?

- A. Well, like you said, that would be my hope.
- Q. Okay. Did anybody make any promises or representations to you concerning what would happen with that litigation in the event the bankruptcy court approves the sale of the debtor's assets to CLG?
- A. Well, Mr. Richards should have immediately spoken up and said attorney-client privilege.

But any communications that I had with Mr. Richards would be protected by the attorney-client privilege, and I have not spoken or communicated with the trustee directly.

MR. RICHARDS: The reason why I didn't object is because I assumed he's referring to communications

1 with you outside of me. 2 MR. ELGIDELY: Correct. 3 I took a shot at you. You know THE WITNESS: 4 that. 5 MR. RICHARDS: It seems like everybody likes to do that. Okay. 6 Thanks. 7 THE WITNESS: And you know there's love there? 8 MR. RICHARDS: I know. 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Can you guys do that off the 10 record, please? 11 MR. RICHARDS: Sure. 12 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 13 Is LGS Holdco the source of any funds for the Ο. 14 purchase of the debtor's assets? 15 Α. You mean, the prospective files? 16 The pending motion to sell? Ο. 17 MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. That is 18 going to invade attorney-client privilege, work-product, 19 and financial privacy. 20 But I told you this when we spoke at the break, 21 that none of the funds are coming from HCH, and they 22 won't be coming from LGS Holdco. I can represent that 23 as well, but this is outside the scope of the witness's 24 knowledge. 25 Again, you're testifying. MR. ELGIDELY:

don't know if the witness --

MR. RICHARDS: Listen, I'm a lawyer. I can make a representation on -- this is not an adversarial deposition. It's an informational deposition. So if I have something that would help the Committee, there's nothing inappropriate about me volunteering that. It's just that this witness is not going to be involved in the financing of the acquisitions. That's not what he does.

MR. ELGIDELY: To clarify, Mr. Richards, the reason I said that is because obviously we like to get sworn testimony from the actual buyer about what is happening with regard to this transaction rather than representations of counsel.

And sometimes clients tell us everything.

Sometimes they tell us half of things. I'm not saying that's the case here, but this client is here to be deposed under oath regarding a substantial transaction relating to debtor's assets. And in light of the allegations regarding the prior principals of LPG, it's important that the Committee obtain sworn testimony by the actual buyer.

MR. RICHARDS: I know, but you asked me that at the break, and I said that because it's so much money, we don't know what account or what entity is going to

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- MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, you don't need to keep testifying, okay.
 - MR. RICHARDS: I'm not. But I'm saying that the sworn testimony could be provided at the time of funding that this witness is not the right witness to get that from. That's all I was trying to tell you.

THE WITNESS: What I can say is that whatever money that will be paid is not coming from anything else to do with Tony Diab or LPG. And it's not coming from any money that would be withheld or set aside pursuant to the language in that stipulation.

- 13 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, earlier I asked you whether you had seen the trustee's allegation that the 12,000 plus files that LPG transferred to CLG represented \$3.3 million in revenue.
 - Do you recall us going through that allegation of the complaint?
- 20 A. Yes.
 - Q. Now, is any of the revenue or funds generated from those 12,000 plus files being utilized in whole or in part to purchase the debtor's assets in this proposed transaction?
- 25 A. No.

1 Ο. So even though Mr. Richards says you Okay. 2 don't know anything about where the source of the funds 3 is coming from to pay the purchase price, you know for a 4 fact that it's not coming from the \$3.3 million in 5 revenue that's result from the 12,000 plus files that 6 were previously transferred from LPG to CLG? 7 Α. Correct. 8 Ο. Thank you. That's helpful. Okav. 9 Earlier you testified that you were heavily 10 involved in the negotiations for the purchase of the 11 debtor's assets: correct? 12 I don't know if I said "heavily". Α. 13 actively -- I'm doing a lot of the work. I don't know 14 if I used the word "heavily". That's what I want to 15 sav. 16 It's fair to say that you are actively 17 involved in the negotiation for the purchase of the 18 debtor's assets? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Okay. And what was the nature of your Ο. 21 involvement in that regard? 22 That's a very broad question. Let's go if you Α. 23 could limit it, please.

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- Q. Were you on any conference calls in which the trustee was participating?
 - A. I'm not sure.
- Q. And by "conference calls", I mean telephonic or by videoconferencing equipment or otherwise?
 - A. Yeah, I'm not sure.
 - Q. Well, did you participate in any meetings in which the trustee was present?
- 10 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Did you provide any documents directly to the trustee or the trustee's counsel?
- 13 A. Not me.
- Q. Okay. So if there was a document that was -that Mr. Richards requested, you provided it to

 Mr. Richards, and you would expect that Mr. Richards

 would pass that along?
- A. Well, if Mr. Richards asked me for something, I would give it to him regardless of what he needs it for or uses it for.
 - Q. Okay. But in terms of negotiations for the sale and purchase of these assets, did you provide certain documents in connection with those efforts?
- A. Maybe. I'm trying to think, but maybe. I

 think I can better answer your question by saying that I

- 1 | did a lot of the due diligence.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. We can talk about that if you'd like. That's where I think you want to go.
- Q. Okay. I'm actually not talking about the due diligence with regard to LPG's assets. I'm asking about what information you gave regarding CLG's business to the trustee, the trustee's counsel, or your counsel.

Did you provide any documents relating to CLG's business to anybody?

- A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Do you know if any of your team of lawyers that you oversee provided any documents to the trustee, the trustee's counsel, or Mr. Richards regarding CLG's business or operations?
 - A. I can only answer about me.
- Q. But you supervise the lawyers, so you don't know what they do even though you supervise them?
- A. Well, you're asking me if somebody did something and you're also asking me, how could you not know everything you do because you supervise them.

 That's not a fair characterization of that guestion.
- Q. Okay. Who was the person most actively involved at CLG with regard to the negotiations for the purchase of the debtor's assets?

- 1 A. CLG's counsel, Mr. Richards.
 - Q. Okay. Who was the person underneath the CLG umbrella in terms of the corporate umbrella that was most active with regard to the negotiations for the purchase of the debtor's assets?
 - A. That would probably be me.
 - Q. And did you instruct anybody that you supervised to provide any documents to trustee, trustee's counsel, or your counsel regarding CLG's business or operations?
 - A. I'm not sure I can answer that because I think that goes to the privilege issue again.
 - Q. Okay. What, if any, documents do you recall providing concerning CLG's business and operations?
 - MR. RICHARDS: I believe you've asked and answered that.
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- Q. You can answer, Mr. Redhun.
- A. I probably turned over the legal services agreement and probably the SOPs that I drafted.
 - Q. Okay. Earlier you testified you didn't know if the SOP's were provided. So now, do you recall having provided those to the trustee or others involved in this transaction?
 - A. No, but if my answer that I just gave you

- didn't have the word "probably" in the beginning of it,

 I would have included that there.
 - Q. So you may have?

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- A. Meaning, if you ask me what documents we needed, these would be the documents that I would give over.
 - Q. Okay. In connection with my preparation for this deposition, we received a handful of emails between Mr. Richards and trustee's counsel concerning the contemplated acquisition of the debtor's assets by CLG, and those emails reflected a date range June 15 through July 7.
 - Is that consistent with your recollection concerning the time period of the negotiations for the purchase of the debtor's assets?
 - A. Sounds about right. I'm not going to commit to those dates, but that sounds right.
- Q. All right. Let me actually pull up one of those emails. Bear with me for one second. Okay. Let me share my screen.
- Can you see the letter that I put up on
 the screen, Mr. Redhun, with the letterhead of Law
 Office of Ronald Richards & Associates?
- A. I see a letterhead.
 - Q. Okay. That's what I was asking you.

1 You see the letterhead and the date June 19? 2 Yeah, I see that June 19 is listed on there. Α. 3 And you see the subject is "Revised Ο. 4 offer to purchase files", directed to Christopher Ghio 5 at Dinsmore? 6 Α. Yes. 7 And this says it is a revised offer. Ο. 8 So do you recall how long before this revised 9 offer negotiations began concerning the CLG's possible 10 purchase of the debtor's assets? 11 Α. No. 12 Do you know approximately how long? Ο. 13 Α. No. 14 Okay. Let me pull up another email. Let me Ο. 15 share my screen. 16 Mr. Redhun, do you see a letter on 17 Mr. Richards' letterhead dated June 18 and it says 18 "Offer to purchase files"? 19 Α. Yes. 20 And you recognize that this is an offer Ο. Okav. 21 to debtor's -- I'm sorry, to trustee's counsel to 22 purchase LPG files on June 18, 2023; correct? 23 I don't know who Mr. Ghio represents. I don't Α. 24 know that it's relating to that. I would need to read 25 the entire letter. But also it's not a letter that I've

- 1 | written, so I can't really comment on that.
- Q. Okay. Well, do you think Mr. Richards would send a letter without your authorization and consent?

4 MR. RICHARDS: That calls for speculation.

- 5 Attorney-client privilege. Don't answer that.
- 6 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- Q. So you see in this letter it says, "I am putting our offer to writing so we can have a framework to discuss matter further. Consumer Legal Group, P.C. is offering the following."
- Do you believe Consumer Legal Group was making an offer to purchase files on June 18, Mr. Redhun?
- A. I believe so. That's the topic of today's conversation, no?
- Q. Well, my prior question you weren't, you know, sure what it said until you read the whole thing and, you know, this and that.
- So I'm asking you now, looking at the terms of
 this letter, does it refresh your recollection that, you
 know, the prior document was an amended offer, does it
 reflect an original offer to purchase files on June 18,
 22 2023, from CLG?
- A. Can you zoom out, please? Let me read the entire thing.
 - Q. Can you still read it?

- A. Yeah. Give me a second. Unless you can get both sets of texts in the same window?
 - Q. I can't. Take your time.

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- A. Scroll down, please. Stop. Okay.
- Q. Does this refresh your recollection that CLG
 was making an offer to purchase files of LPG on June 18,
 2023?
 - A. Well, I don't want to add LPG into this, but the letter speaks for itself, and it certainly looks like it's an offer.
- Q. Okay. Do you know if CLG was offering to buy
 35,000 or more files from any other entity other than
 LPG in June 2023?
 - A. I can't answer that. I know what I know.
 - Q. Okay. So somebody else may have been negotiating a purchase of 35,000 or more files through Mr. Richards in June that's unrelated to LPG; is that your testimony?
- A. I'm saying, I don't know things that I don't know. I know what I know.
- Q. Okay. And that was three days after the trustee filed the amended complaint against CLG;
- A. The amended complaint was, what, 6/15 or 6/25?
- 25 Q. 6/15?

- A. So, yeah, three days later would be June 18.
 - Q. Okay. So the negotiations for the purchase of the debtor's assets were done against the backdrop of the litigation between the trustee and CLG; correct?
 - A. Well, litigation between trustee and CLG has been ongoing since the trustee filed its main complaint.
- Q. Right. But my question is, sir, in negotiating the purchase of the debtor's assets, those negotiations were taking place against the backdrop of the litigation between the trustee and CLG; correct?
- The litigation was pending when negotiations started; correct?
- A. The negotiations were ongoing at the time that the amended complaint was filed.
- Q. Okay. Were there any negotiations between the trustee and CLG before May 25?
 - A. I don't know.

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- Q. Okay. Who would know?
 - A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you have periodic meetings with Mr. Weber and the team of lawyers that you supervise at CLG concerning issues of interests to the business?
- A. We have way too many meetings about way too many different things.

- 1 Okay. Q. 2 Way too often. Α. 3 So when was the first time the prospect Ο. 4 acquiring LPG's assets, when was the first time that 5 came to your attention or knowledge? MR. RICHARDS: I'm just going to object. 6 It's 7 going to invade attorney-client privilege, 8 work-product. 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Are you instructing him not to 10 answer or no? 11 MR. RICHARDS: I'm just instructing him to 12 answer if it's prior to my engagement. 13 MR. ELGIDELY: Okav. That's not --14 MR. RICHARDS: I don't want him to answer after 15 we were engaged, which I know the answer, but if he has 16 a different view he can answer, but I'm instructing him 17 not to answer after we were engaged. 18 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Let me rephrase the question. Maybe that will help.
- So other than through Mr. Richards, did you have any discussions or -- well, strike that.
- Other than Mr. Richards, did the potential opportunity to purchase LPG's assets come to your attention?

- A. I don't know if it came to my attention as much as when I read the initial complaint from the trustee in May -- in late May, I immediately recognized that there was an opportunity there.
 - Q. Okay. So it was only after the complaint was filed that you conceived the idea to acquire LPG's assets?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Okay. How is my statement incorrect?
- 10 A. It was not only after, it was upon the reading of.
- 12 Q. Okay. Simultaneously with?
- A. Yes, I think -- then I think the answer to that would be, yes.
- Q. Okay. So you're reading the trustee's complaint on or about May 25, 2023; correct?
- A. Around that day. I don't remember exactly that day.
- Q. Okay.
- A. It could have been a day or two later. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. And while you're reading the complaint, did you think to yourself, hey, we may be able to --
- hey, we, CLG, may be able to buy LPG's assets?
- A. No. I thought that we could try and make a

deal in connection with defending ourselves in the litigation.

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Q. Okay. But again, sir, my question -- now, your last answer confused your prior answers.

When did you first hear about or consider the possible acquisition of the debtor's assets?

- A. I guess, I'm not sure. But I guess my default answer would be as soon as I heard about LPG's bankruptcy filing, but again, I'm not really sure. So I can't answer that question.
- Q. So you believe it was before the trustee sued CLG that you conceived the idea or was alerted to the possibility of purchasing LPG's assets?
- A. So it wasn't my idea, and I wasn't alerted to anything. Any time I read any sort of pleading, in any capacity I think about three things. And one of those things is reaching a resolution. And that was the way I analyzed and read the trustee's complaint in this case.
- Q. Okay. So when you read the trustee's complaint and you were thinking about a way to resolve it, you thought it could be resolved through a purchase of LPG's assets?
- A. No, I thought that there was a potential deal to be made with the trustee.

connection with this sale of the debtor's assets; is that correct?

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- I know that there are ongoing negotiations, and Α. I don't know if the number is 22,000.
- Did you ever have a conversation with Ο. Okav. your team and say, hey, can we do this? There are a lot more files coming on board. Do we have capacity? Do we have bandwidth?

Do you ever have any of those conversations?

- Α. I don't need to have those conversations.
- How many customer files does CLG Q. Okay.

- currently have other than the 12,000 that it acquired from LPG?
 - A. I don't have an exact number. I think we went through this initially.
 - Q. Is it more or less than 22,000?

- A. I don't have an exact number. I think we went through this initially.
- Q. I'm not asking for an exact number. I'm asking for an approximate.
- How many customer files does CLG have in the year 2023, excluding the 12,000 customer files that it previously acquired from LPG?
- A. I couldn't answer that. And let me preface my answer with the following:
- at various stages. So you could have an individual who signs up, pays, and then can't afford the service anymore. Or you have a client that signs up but doesn't make their initial payment. Or you could have a situation where the client discharges CLG. Or you could have a situation where CLG has resolved a particular issue or matter for a particular client in which case it no longer services that client. So there's a flux of numbers that really prevents an accurate statement to --excuse me, an accurate answer to your question.

- 1 And I'm not asking for, you know, Q. Okay. scientific precision, Mr. Redhun. 2 I'm asking you in 3 terms of an average or an approximate, does CLG during 4 2023 have more than 22,000 files? 5 I don't believe so. I think the number is Α. 6 closer to not less than 10,000, coupled with the caveats 7 and the covering and all that stuff. 8 Ο. Okav. That's helpful. 9 So does the 10,000 approximation that you have 10 given me include any of the 12,000 customer files that 11 CLG acquired from LPG in early 2023? 12 Α. I can't answer that question. 13 Did CLG have any customer files other than the Ο. 14
- files that it acquired from LPG in early 2023?
- 15 Α. Probably.
- 16 Ο. How many?

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- Α. I don't know.
- 18 Ο. Approximately?
 - I can't answer that question. Α.
- 20 Isn't it fair to say that the files that CLG Ο. 21 acquired from LPG in early 2023 effectively put CLG in 22 business?
 - I don't think that's accurate. Δ
- 24 Ο. But you have no metrics that you can provide to 25 dispute that characterization, do you?

- A. We had our own client base, I just don't know what that number looked like.
 - Q. Okay. I asked you of the 10,000, did any of it include the files originally obtained from LPG in early 2023 and you couldn't answer that; correct?
- A. Because the answer was probably, but I'm not 100 percent sure. Likelihood, yes. But also maybe, no.
 - Q. Okay. What percentage?

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- 10 A. The percentage of the 12,000 or the percentage 11 of CLG's 10,000, let's say?
- Q. Percentage of the 10,000?
- A. Probably around half, I would say.
- Q. Okay. So before CLG acquired any of the LPG files, it had approximately 5,000 of its own customer files?
 - A. Sounds about right. But, again, that number may be up, may be down.
 - Q. So would it be fair to say that CLG doubled its business or the number of its files when it acquired the LPG files in early 2023?
 - A. I don't know about doubled. But as you saw, based on those complaints that were filed on the BBB website, not all those LPG clients were happy clients.
 - Q. But that's not my question, sir.

1 So you started with 5,000 and then you acquired 2 12,000; correct? 3 I don't know that all 12,000 were performing 4 files. 5 Ο. Did I say the word "performing"? 6 You're talking about doubling in size. Α. I look 7 at it from two perspectives. I look at it from a 8 performing file or I look at it from a file where 9 there's too much damage already done to the particular 10 client in which case we're not going to be able to do 11 anything for that client. 12 Understood, and I appreciate that Ο. 13 clarification. 14 For this question, I'm asking you just about 15 files, whether they are performing or non-performing. 16 So before the acquisition of files from LPG, 17 according to your estimates, and I recognize they're 18 only estimates, CLG had approximately 5,000 files; 19 correct? 20 Α. Okay. 21 Ο. And then it acquired 12,000; correct? 22 Α. Okay. 23 So it doubled the number of files, did it not, Q. 24 through this LPG acquisition?

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- 1 least 10.
- Q. That's a yes or no, sir. I don't need you to
- help me with the math. I'm asking you, is it yes or no?
- 4 | It had 5. It got 12. So it more than doubled the
- 5 | number of files that it had; correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. So now CLG is proposing to acquire
- 8 22,000 files, so that's another doubling of the number
- 9 of files that CLG has; correct?
- 10 A. Well, I don't know what the number of current
- 11 | files it has now, so I can't say that.
- 12 Q. Okay. So at one point it had 12,000 customer
- 13 files it acquired from LPG; correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And then it's going to acquire through this
- proposed sale 22,000 additional customer files;
- 17 | correct?
- A. Hopefully.
- 19 Q. That's nearly doubling the number of
- 20 | files again; correct?
- A. Yes, close to doubling.
- 22 O. Okay. And notwithstanding that, you don't feel
- the need to have any conversations with any of the
- 24 attorneys that you supervise or with Mr. Weber whether
- 25 you have the ability at current staffing numbers to

- 1 | service these numbers of files?
 - A. We didn't say before our current staffing numbers.
 - Q. That's what we were talking about today, right?

 So let me ask you this, Mr. Redhun. When you filed the motion to sell, according to your declarations, you had four full-time attorneys at CLG; correct?
 - A. Yes.

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- MR. RICHARDS: Objection. He did not file the motion to sell. The trustee filed the motion to sell.

 It misstates the evidence.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you. But he was a party to the asset purchase agreement.
 - MR. RICHARDS: No, he wasn't. Actually, he was not a party. The trustee just filed a motion and used its declaration. There's no party in the motion. It's just the trustee's motion so you know that's not accurate, Counsel.
- 20 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. All right. Let me share my screen. Hold on one second, please, because I want to be accurate. It's always important to be accurate.
- Mr. Redhun, I put on the screen, hopefully you can see a document that was filed the day after the

1 stipulation of partial settlement on July 7. says, "Notice of motion and motion of trustee for entry 2 3 of an order approving the sale." 4 Do you see the first page of that document, 5 sir? 6 Α. Yes. 7 And attached to the motion was not only Ο. Okav. 8 your declaration but it was -- let me get the exact page 9 It's Exhibit 2, page 250. 10 Do you see a document, which again is Exhibit 2 11 to the sale motion, entitled "Agreement of purchase and 12 sale and joint escrow instructions." 13 Do you see that document? 14 Can you please zoom out? All I see is a very Α. 15 limited portion of the page. 16 Do you see the section where it says, 17 "Agreement of purchase and sale and joint escrow 18 instructions"? 19 You mean the heading of the document? Α. 20 Ο. Yes. 21 Α. Yes. I see that. 22 Can you see in the first paragraph the 0. 23 agreement is between the trustee and Consumer Legal 24 Group as buyer?

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Yes.

- Okay. And this was filed with the sales 1 Q. 2 motion, so let's go to the exhibit page of this 3 Exhibit 2. 4 Α. I need a bathroom break in a minute. 5 Q. Okay. Of course. Let me get to the signature 6 page. 7 MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, how much more time do 8 you think you have here? 9 MR. ELGIDELY: Probably about 15 to 30 10 minutes. 11 MR. RICHARDS: Okay. Great. 12 Is this all prompted by my comment that we're not party to the motion because I'm still sticking to 13 14 that? 15 MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you, Mr. Richards. 16 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, do you see that you signed the
 exhibit to the sale motion on behalf of Consumer Legal
 Group on July 7, 2023?
 - A. So then we're all very technical and careful.

 I see my signature on a piece of a page, but I don't see anything else about the page. I don't see any preceding pages or any postdating pages. Nothing like that.
- 24 Q. Okay.

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A. I also note the page you're looking at right

- now which is 279 of 940 has a draft that is identified
 as the watermark, but the signature page did not have a
 draft watermark.
 - Q. I'm looking again at the sales motion, and I'm looking at Exhibit 2 which is the agreement for the purchase of the debtor's assets.

Do you see in the lower right-hand corner of this 25th page it says "Exhibit 2"?

- A. I see a blank page. It looks to be page 25 and then on the bottom right in a different font it states "Exhibit" in capital letters, page 229 even though we're looking at page 274 of 940.
- Q. Do you see -- sir, is that your signature on page 274?
- 15 A. Yes.

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- Q. And if you go back, there's page 24, page 23, page 22, page 21, and 20.
- MR. RICHARDS: Okay. Counsel, this is becoming badgering. It's an unsigned draft.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Please let me finish my question.
- MR. RICHARDS: There's no question though.
- MR. ELGIDELY: I'm in the middle of a question.
- The witness said, I can't see what I signed.
- THE WITNESS: No, I did not say that. Don't

- 1 put words in my mouth.
- 2 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- Q. Sir, did you not say you did not sign an asset purchase agreement, all you see is a signature page?
 - A. I conceded that was my signature, but I said, I can't see what it's connected to.
 - Q. Okay. And that's what I'm trying to show you before I got interrupted. So let's keep going, and I'm going to show you what it's connected to so you're comforted.

You see the mark, Exhibit 2, continues to be in the lower right-hand corner of every page of this document. And now we're getting to page 1 where at the top it says, "Agreement of purchase and sale and joint escrow instructions", which on the prior page you see it says "Exhibit 2", and you'll see that this is attached to the trustee's motion to sell.

Do you see that now, sir?

A. Yes.

MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Why don't we take a five-minute restroom break? I think you said you need to use the restroom, Mr. Redhun?

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I was looking to stop the video.

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- Q. Mr. Redhun, earlier you testified that you had no involvement in CLG's acquisition of approximately 12,000 files in early 2023; correct?
- A. Yeah, I don't remember being involved with that to an extent, yeah.
- Q. Okay. That's different from what you said earlier.
 - What do you mean now by saying "to an extent"?
- 11 A. Like, I don't have any specific recollection.
- Q. Okay. Is that something, if you were doubling
 the number of customer files that CLG had, as a managing
 attorney overseeing the team of lawyers and paralegals,
 isn't that something you would remember whether you had
 any involvement in that?
 - A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Okay. So at that time, you were the managing attorney at CLG; correct?
 - A. At which time?
- Q. When CLG acquired approximately 12,000 files from LPG?
- A. I don't know. I don't know if I was the
 managing attorney. I think -- I don't know -- let me
 just say it like this. We don't use labels like that.

- I guess, if we're going to pinpoint one person as the managing attorney, it would be me.
 - Q. Okay. Because one of your declarations or something that CLG had filed referenced a managing attorney you said, "that would be me"?
 - A. Yes, but it's not like I have a sign on the door that says managing attorney. That's my point.
 - Q. Okay. But you were employed by CLG at the time it acquired the 12,000 or so files from LPG; correct?
 - A. I believe so.
 - Q. Okay. And you were the person primarily responsible for handling the legal issues related to those files at the time; correct?
 - A. Yeah, probably.
 - Q. Okay. And sitting here today, you don't have any recollection of being involved in CLG's acquisition of those 12,000 or so files?
 - A. I don't recall. And the reason why I don't recall is, I do too many things on a daily basis, that these things, I have like a six-month memory band.
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A. As I'm trying to testify here today, I have briefs. I've got files. I've got a lot of stuff. I have my own personal life, obviously, to deal with. So I have a lot going on.

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- Well, the acquisition took place six Q. Okay. months ago. Today is July 17, and the acquisition was in January and February from LPG; correct? Α. Yeah. And despite the fact that you are doubling the number of customer files that you would be responsible for, adding to your already full plate, you don't have a recollection of being involved in that transaction? It could be -- and again, I'm speculating. Α. No. It could be I was asked to draft something that didn't end up being signed. It could be I had nothing to do with it, and I was just tasked with managing the onboarding of all these new files. I don't know that at the time we took all these files over that we had our network and system in place to make sure that not everything was falling through the cracks. So I feel like my job at CLG is juggling fireballs, so it could be that was one of those fireballs.
 - Q. Okay. Do you feel like that's something that happens pretty regularly with you at CLG, you're juggling fireballs?
 - A. Not recently. Since we have our system in place, things have settled down. Although, the newest fire that I'm dealing with is trying to replace some of

- the local counsel, which is a whole new product in and of itself.
 - Q. But historically, you felt like you were juggling fireballs at CLG; correct?
 - A. Not fireballs. I have a lot going on. Like you said, I have a lot on my plate.
 - Q. Okay. In terms of the prior acquisition, that being early 2023, the 12,000 or so files, you testified that it was a rainmaker at CLG. You're like a worker bee, you handle operations and run the office, but there was a rainmaker that brought in the 12,000 or so files.

Do you recall that testimony?

- A. Yes, but you're mischaracterizing my testimony.
 - Q. Thank you. And you can correct it?
 - A. What I said was, my role was doing the work and staying in my line. Not going out and finding new sources of business.
 - Q. And today, again, you can't testify who was the rainmaker that brought in those 12,000 or so files from LPG; correct?
 - A. I don't know.

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Q. Okay. And why, sir, if somebody else was the rainmaker handling the acquisition of those 12,000 or so files from LPG in early 2023, are you now the person

1 most actively involved under the CLG umbrella with 2 regard to the acquisition of 22,000 files from LPG? 3 Why isn't the rainmaker that --4 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. 5 MR. ELGIDELY: Mr. Richards, let me finish my 6 question, please. 7 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 8 Ο. Why isn't the rainmaker who handled the 12,000 9 acquisition earlier this year handling the acquisition 10 of the 22,000 files now? 11 MR. RICHARDS: Objection. Vaque. Ambiguous. 12 Calls for speculation. Conjecture. Unintelligible. 13 THE WITNESS: So the short answer to your 14 question is that I have the birds-eye view and 15 understanding of how to triage and what to do first. 16 And now my involvement and my due diligence, I 17 know what to look for very carefully. And when I do my 18 due diligence, I cannot only see this step in front of 19 me, but I always see two steps ahead in terms of how 20 we're going to need to do certain types of work, kind of 21 who fits into what role best, where certain things go, 22 and things like that. 23 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 24 So you didn't have -- you didn't have that

birds-eye view and ability to triage earlier this year?

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- A. Not as good as I do now.
- Q. Okay. What do you attribute your professional development to in the past, say, four months?
 - A. Being in the "operating room".
 - Q. What do you mean by that?
 - A. Meaning, seeing how the sausage is made.

 Seeing how the files look. What to look for. What to anticipate. What states are more advantageous than others? Seeing each of our team members and what their strengths and weaknesses are. Things like that.
 - Q. Okay. And you acquired all of this in four months, all that knowledge?
 - A. Well, it's a work in progress.
 - Q. Okay. Let me share my screen.
 - Sir, can you see on your screen the motion of trustee for entry of the order approving the sale? Can you see that to the right of the caption of the case?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. It's right there. On the second, going on to the third page -- well, actually, it's page 1. The cover page is not numbered. But if you look at page 1, you'll see numbered paragraph 3 it says, "The total purchase price for this sale is made up of an initial deposit, a second deposit, and a percentage to the

1 estate derived from a fee."

And then it goes on to say that, "These terms are all defined and set forth in the APA and must be reviewed and accepted by any party seeking to overbid. The total amount of the sale will be approximately \$42 million."

Did I read that correctly?

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- Q. Okay. And do you know what the initial deposit is for this purchase by CLG?
- A. No. It's my understanding that negotiations are ongoing.
 - Q. Okay. But didn't CLG -- actually, you on behalf of CLG, sign an asset purchase agreement providing for an initial deposit and second deposit?
 - A. Yeah, but I'm not sure the agreement is binding. I think, if anything, it might be considered an offer.
 - Q. Okay. Under the asset purchase agreement that the trustee has sought court approval for, do you know what the initial deposit amount is?
 - A. No, but I'd like to say the document probably speaks for itself.
 - Q. Well, I'd like you to speak to it, sir, as the designated individual at CLG who signed the asset

1 purchase.

So you're saying today, on this sizable transaction, you don't know the amount of the initial deposit without looking at the agreement.

- A. I have a rough idea of what it is, but I'm not going to speculate. We could look at the actual agreement itself to answer that guestion.
- Q. Okay. So sitting here today, you would have to speculate as to the initial obligation of CLG in this sizable transaction; is that your testimony?
- A. No. I believe I know what it is, but I would like to look at the document to ensure that I am correct.

MR. RICHARDS: Well, Counsel, the problem is that after the site inspection, which we're subject to an MDA so I'm not going to get into the issues, there needs to be some adjustments. And the witness is hearing these, you know, in a privileged setting, it's just going to get confusing. And your client made some red lines to the agreement that they want incorporated.

So that's why this document that was filed with the court is clearly not going to be the final APA. And the witness saw emails from me up and back explaining changes. So I don't think it's fair to ask him about this now because it's not going to be the final

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- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Well, I'm not asking about the final document, Mr. Richards. I'm asking about the document that's been filed with the court as an agreement between the parties, trustee and CLG, that reflects the terms and conditions of the sale and that is the subject matter of this deposition.
- So I understand that there could be some additional modifications, that additional modifications are likely, but I'm asking about what was filed with the court.
- 12 BY MR. EGLIDELY:
- Q. So, we can go to the -- since you're not certain, Mr. Redhun, let's go to the actual agreement regarding the initial deposit and the subsequent deposit.
 - So, do you know what the initial deposit is now that you're looking at Section 2 of the APA?
- A. Yes. And as I thought it was going to say, \$1 million.
 - Q. And do you know if that \$1 million is going to come back to CLG or any of its affiliates?
 - A. When you say "come back to", what do you mean?
- Q. Are you familiar with the entity Liberty
 Acquisitions?

- A. No. I've seen that name somewhere, but I'm not familiar with what that is.
 - Q. So sitting here today, you don't know if Liberty Acquisitions is a related party to CLG in any way, shape, or form?
 - A. They're not related.

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- Q. Oh, they're not related. Okay.

 All right. So let me take a look at that.
- A. I don't believe that they are related, let me just say it like that. Let me just answer your question that way.
- Q. So, if you look at page 212 of 289, which is in the upper right-hand corner of this filing, you see it says, "Pursuant to the note, Liberty Note, executed by the trustee in favor of Liberty Acquisitions, Inc.

 Buyer's Affiliate."
 - Are you sitting here today disputing the fact that Liberty Acquisitions, Inc. is the buyer's affiliate?
 - A. No. It says right there it's an affiliate.
 - Q. But you just testified that it's not related?
 - A. Related in the corporate sense of the term.
- Q. Okay. So how is Liberty Acquisitions, Inc. affiliated with CLG?
- MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to -- Counsel, I told

you in our call, we're not going to get into testimony
that's going to scare or inhibit lenders, and that's
going to really get into work-product, financial
privacy.

I told the court in open court the capital that is funding CLG is funding Liberty. We did not -- we disclosed that at the last hearing. You weren't there. And that's all -- that's why it's in the agreement as an affiliate. They're not some outside company. They're a company that funds -- they're a company in which the capital is indirectly tied to other lenders that have provided financing for CLG.

So this witness was specifically not designated to get into the financial capitalization of CLG. And now you're kind of going there, and I'm going to ask you to move on because I can't see us getting anywhere with this without multiple objections and instructions.

Except, you could absolutely explore, is Liberty in any way an owner or influencer? Does he take direction from Liberty, as you know, did the DIP loan and has been asked to do another DIP loan with a pending motion.

BY MR. ELGIDELY:

Q. Okay. Mr. Redhun, do you see in this paragraph -- I'll highlight the whole paragraph -- that the asset purchase agreement that the trustee has sought

- court approval for and that has been filed with the

 court says that "Liberty Acquisitions, Inc., the buyer's

 affiliate, will receive full repayment, plus

 interest" -- so full repayment -- "within one business

 day after CLG wires the \$1 million deposit"?

 Do you see where it says that?
 - Do you see where it says that?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. So when I asked you before whether any of the \$1 million would be coming back to CLG or any of its affiliates, does this refresh your recollection that some of the \$1 million will be paid within one-business day to CLG's affiliate Liberty Acquisitions?
- A. Well, my answer based on reading this would be that Liberty Note would have to be repaid, and it would be repaid through the buyer's deposit.
 - Q. And the buyer is CLG; correct?
- A. Correct.
 - Q. And CLG is an affiliate of Liberty; correct?
 - A. Liberty Acquisitions, according to this.
 - Q. Right. So a million dollars leaves out of the right pocket of CLG and ends up in the right pocket of its affiliate Liberty Acquisitions; correct? Some portion of that million dollars.
- A. Whatever the amount of the note is.
- 25 Q. Okay.

1 And, for the record, I don't MR. RICHARDS: 2 know what you mean by "right pocket"? I mean, there's 3 no -- Liberty is the DIP lender in a business point. 4 And the deal is, if there's going to be a financing of 5 the down payment, the DIP lender is going to get repaid. 6 I'm not going to get into the confidential 7 settlement negotiations or the business points with the 8 trustee, but that was a negotiated term. 9 Nor did I ask anybody to, MR. ELGIDELY: 10 Mr. Richards. 11 MR. RICHARDS: All right. Good. 12 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 13 Mr. Redhun, you'll see that the agreement Ο. 14 that's been filed with the court for approval calls for 15 a second deposit of \$7 million; correct? 16 Α. I see that. Correct. 17 So that totals \$8 million, less the amount paid Ο. 18 to CLG's affiliate Liberty Acquisitions; correct? 19 Α. Correct. 20 Okay. So how do you and the trustee get to --Ο. 21 I think the number was \$42 million? If you know \$8 22 million in cash is being paid, less the money being paid 23 to Liberty Acquisitions, how do you get to more than five times the amount of cash being paid? 24 25 Outside the scope. Speculation. MR. RICHARDS:

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Answer if you have an understanding of how the additional funds will be generated for the estate?

THE WITNESS: I don't -- I couldn't answer your question.

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- Q. Okay. Isn't it true that the \$42 million is somehow based upon percentages of revenue generated from the customer or client files being sold to CLG?
 - A. I don't know. I can't answer that question.
 - Q. You signed this APA, sir; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. Did you read it before you signed it?
 - A. More than once.
 - MR. RICHARDS: Counsel, that's an argumentative question. He has counsel. He doesn't need to read every word of a document if he -- you know, that's not required to sign a document. He's bound by the document, it's not signed by the trustee, and he's not -- these are questions that are not really getting facts as to what his operational role is in managing the legal portion of this entity. That's what he does there.
 - MR. ELGIDELY: Well, Mr. Richards, in my experience, when somebody signs a document that is

- binding on the company that they purport to represent and reflects a substantial transaction, they at least have a modicum of knowledge concerning the material terms and conditions of the deal.
 - And, clearly, if there is a proposed sale at \$42 million with \$8 million -- or less than \$8 million in cash being paid, you know, that's a material term that we're entitled to explore.
- 9 BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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- Q. So are you saying, Mr. Redhun, that notwithstanding your signing of this document for a sizable transaction, you don't know how the parties got to \$42 million?
 - MR. RICHARDS: I'm going to object. He didn't draft the document. You're invading attorney-client privilege.
 - He doesn't need to know how I negotiated every business point in confidential settlement communications with the trustee. Most clients, if you advise them of the big points and there's other representations between a client and a lawyer, a client doesn't need to understand every legal provision of an agreement for a business. That's why there's a lawyer representing -- in fact, two lawyers have reviewed this document.

- 1 to how did the trustee come to the numbers in the sale 2 motion because he didn't negotiate this document. 3 MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. So you're telling me,
 - Mr. Richards, that if there's a provision of a contract that that provision is privileged?
 - No. You're asking him how did MR. RICHARDS: the trustee get to this number. And the only way he's going to be able to answer it is with communications from me because he didn't negotiate it, I did. trustee and -- I didn't even negotiate with the trustee. I negotiated with his lawyer, like many business transactions.

And so you're asking this witness how did the two lawyers come up with these numbers. He doesn't He wants to know, is the document approved for care. He asked the questions he asks and then he signs it. He doesn't need to be an expert on every So when you ask him, how did the term get in the document, he's only going to know through privilege. That's why it's privileged, not the term itself. BY MR. ELGIDELY:

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Okay. Mr. Redhun, if you look at page 255, again the purchase price, Subparagraph A you'll see that there are various percentages referenced in this paragraph.

1 Are you familiar with what the effect of these 2 percentages are? 3 I would need to read them again to be able to 4 answer the question competently. 5 Q. Take your time. 6 I need to get control of the document though. Α. 7 MR. RICHARDS: I mean, it's really outside his 8 scope. 9 MR. ELGIDELY: It's not. 10 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 11 Ο. What provision do you want me to go to? 12 Can you see paragraph 2A clearly? 13 Α. Yes. 14 MR. RICHARDS: My other objection is the 15 document speaks for itself. 16 MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you, Mr. Richards. 17 Okay. Scroll down, please. THE WITNESS: 18 please -- you know, there's a lot to read here. I can't 19 imagine this is the best use of my time. 20 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 21 Ο. Maybe not to you but certainly to the Committee 22 and you are under subpoena. 23 So, sir, if you look at page 6 of the APA, it's 24 actually page 255 of the PDF, you'll see it says, "After 25 deduction of an administrative overhead in the amount of

- 20 percent, buyer" -- and you understood that to refer to CLG; correct?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. "Shall pay a fee equal to A) 20 percent of all amounts collected by buyer on all active executory contracts defined above from and after the closing, plus 15 percent of all amounts collected by buyer on inactive executory contracts defined above, each calculated on a quarter basis. Subsections A and B, collectively the fee."
 - Did I read that correctly?
- 12 A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. So is it your understanding, sir, that the difference between the \$8 million being paid from the initial and second deposit and the \$42 million purchase price that's attributable to the payments of the fee as specified in this sentence?
 - A. That looks to be the case, but again, I would need to just preface that -- before I could properly answer, I would like to read this document, you know, in its entirety to familiarize myself with the language.

 This is very dense language.
 - Q. Okay. But sitting here today, do you know of any way other than the fee that the purchase price gets from \$8 million to \$42 million?

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million, but does that incorporate the fee and that's

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that brings it to \$42 million -- let me rephrase the

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Other than the deposits and the fee that's specified in this paragraph, is CLG paying any other consideration to the trustee for the acquisition of LPG's assets?

- A. I need to read the entire thing. I'm sorry.
- Q. How do you value the fee, you know, to get from \$8 million to \$42 million? Was there an appraisal or other type of formal valuation conducted of the revenue that would be generated from these client files?

MR. RICHARDS: Objection. It assumes a fact not in evidence. It's outside the scope. The trustee valued it at \$42 million. I'm going to instruct him not to answer. You're now really going far afield. He never testified to that value. It's not his words.

MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. I disagree, but let me tell you why. Bear with me for a moment.

MR. RICHARDS: No problem. Our client is

- trying to save 35,000 people from being left without counsel. That's their number one goal here.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you for the testimony,
- 4 Mr. Richards.
- MR. RICHARDS: It's a statement. I'm not a
- 6 potted plant.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. That has nothing to do
 with how you explain the difference between \$8 million
 and \$42 million.
- Mr. Richards, in your statement that number originated with the trustee.
- Okay. Bear with me for one second. I'm going to share my screen again.
- 14 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- Q. Mr. Redhun, do you recall us talking about

 Mr. Richards' letter dated June 18, 2023, regarding the

 offer to purchase?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. In paragraph number one it says, "We value our offer at \$50 million to the estate with our up front payment."
- Do you know who Mr. Richards was purporting to talk on behalf of in this letter?
- A. You'd have to ask Mr. Richards.
- Q. Doesn't the first sentence say, "I am putting

Is this a valuation that was conceived by the trustee or is this a valuation that was conceived by CLG?

- A. First of all, this is not my letter. These are not my words. And this letter clearly implicates conversations that are going on between Mr. Ghio and Mr. Richards because it says, "I'm putting our offer to writing."
- Q. Right. My question though, sir, is, your counsel of record -- "your" being Consumer Legal Group, where you have been designated to testify on behalf today, is saying, "We value our offer at \$50 million to the estate in this June 18 offer."

And my question quite simply is, how did you get to that valuation? Is there some appraisal or some formal type of valuation that got you to the valuation that CLG informed Mr. Ghio of on June 18, 2023?

MR. RICHARDS: Okay. That question assumes a fact not in evidence, and there's no foundation that he knows how I got to that value to put in my letter. You don't ask the gatekeeping question first. You just

1 | assume he knows.

MR. ELGIDELY: The gatekeeping question was the motion to sell that Mr. Redhun signed the asset purchase agreement that's the critical document that drives the motion to sell, and he submitted supporting declarations. He's designated by the company to testify on its behalf.

Your letters state that CLG valued the asset.

The motion is subject to hire and better offers at a \$42 million number and nobody can explain to me how the \$42 million was arrived at.

MR. RICHARDS: Well, my letter is an offer, it's not what ultimately came to the court. There's been inspections and other things that have gone on since then. And you haven't established that Mr. Redhun has competency to testify to why those numbers were in an asset purchase agreement or in my letter.

I'm not going to waive the MDA or other settlement negotiations of things that were uncovered afterwards.

You first have to ask him, do you have any basis to know why Mr. Richards put that in the letter. The answer is no. We should move on to another subject, not just throw up a straw man and try to make him feel like he's supposed to testify to something I didn't

- 1 designate him to testify to.
- MR. ELGIDELY: Well, again, the Committee
- outlined subject matters for today's testimony. You
- 4 chose to produce somebody that you said has limited
- 5 knowledge, even though that individual is the person
- 6 that signed the asset purchase agreement that contains
- 7 the numbers and figures, and your letters reflect that
- 8 CLG arrived at this valuation.
- In fact, let me share this subsequent letter
- 10 here.
- THE WITNESS: Wait. Can we look at the
- 12 | agreement again, please?
- MR. ELGIDELY: Yeah, we'll get to that. Let me
- 14 put up this letter.
- MR. RICHARDS: We doubled the two hour time
- 16 estimate.
- 17 BY MR. ELGIDELY:
- 18 O. If you look at the -- if you subtract all the
- 19 speaking objections, we're probably at a three-hour
- 20 deposition so far.
- If you look at the June 19 letter from Mr.
- 22 Richards' files, and again, it says, "I am putting our
- 23 offer to writing so we can have the framework to discuss
- 24 matter further. Consumer Legal Group, P.C. is offering
- 25 the following: One, we value our offer at \$42

million" --1 2 (Zoom audio interruption.) 3 You are breaking up again. THE WITNESS: 4 I can't hear the speaking. MR. RICHARDS: 5 THE STENOGRAPHER: Mr. Elgidely is frozen. 6 BY MR. ELGIDELY: 7 Paragraph one says, "We value our offer at \$42 8 million." 9 So, Mr. Redhun, do you know whether the 10 valuation was a valuation that originated with the 11 trustee or originated by CLG? 12 I don't know who proposed that valuation. Α. 13 But I would like to look at the agreement again 14 to see if I can answer your question like I've asked. 15 MR. RICHARDS: I wouldn't do that, but that's 16 up to you. 17 Are you instructing the witness MR. ELGIDELY: 18 not to look at a document that he asked to look at? 19 No, he can look at it. MR. RICHARDS: 20 I'm going to see if I can answer THE WITNESS: 21 your question to the extent that the document doesn't 22 speak for itself. 23 BY MR. ELGIDELY: Okay. Wonderful. 24 Ο. 25 Even though a document says certain things,

- Case 8:23-bk-10571-SC Doc 296 Filed 07/19/23 Entered 07/19/23 18:24:54 Desc Main Document RedPage 228 of 311 1 there's information and testimony that could be provided 2 to amplify what the document says. 3 And that's all I'm trying to get at, 4 Mr. Redhun, what the basis for the \$42 million number 5 is? And it's hard for me to understand because nobody 6 explained to me how you got to \$42 million. 7 Can you see the agreement now? 8 Α. No. 9 Can you zoom out? You're showing me, like, 10 five lines of text in one shot. 11 Go to the page we were looking at before. What 12 Scroll down, please. was that? Page 6. Okay.
- I can't read it when you keep scrolling through the document.
- Q. Just tell me when you stop, sir.
- A. Stop. Okay. I think part of your answer is set forth in the language itself.
- Q. Is this an \$8 million proposed purchase or a state of a state of the state of th
- A. It's an eight plus, and the plus is what's written in the contract.
- Q. The language that I highlighted previously regarding the fee?
- A. You've highlighted a lot of language. I don't think it's fair.

1 I'll highlight it again. Q. 2 Is this the difference between the 8 and the 3 42, sir? 4 Α. More than that, but yes. 5 Ο. What do you mean "more than that"? 6 The language that you need to highlight is more Α. 7 than what's just highlighted. 8 Ο. Okay. Where would you like me to continue 9 Tell me the word. highlighting to? 10 I think you understand the principle. 11 speaks for itself. And it says right there, "The buyer 12 shall pay a fee equal to", and I'm not going to read it. 13 It speaks for itself. 14 Your testimony is the difference between the \$8 Ο. 15 and the \$42 million is reflected in the fee that's been 16 highlighted on page 6 of the asset purchase agreement? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Ο. Okay. Thank you. 19 But you don't have an appraisal or valuation 20 for the difference between the 8 and 42? 21 Let me rephrase. You don't have an appraisal 22 that reflects the value of the fee; correct? 23 Α. I don't have a written appraisal. 24 Ο. Do you have a written valuation?

Not that I'm aware of.

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1 Are you aware of anybody in this transaction Q. 2 that has a written appraisal or written valuation? 3 Α. I don't think I can answer that question. 4 Mr. Redhun, the agreement required CLG to Q. 5 provide written proof of its financial ability to 6 perform. 7 Do you know whether that written proof was 8 provided? 9 I don't know. Α. 10 What written proof would CLG provide concerning Ο. 11 its financial ability to perform? 12 Α. Well, you're asking me a hypothetical, but I 13 would like to think of some sort of proof of funds. 14 Does CLG or any of its owners, officers, Ο. Okav. 15 directors, or employees have any past relationship that 16 we have not spoken about today with Tony Diab or any of 17 his entities? 18 Absolutely not. Α. 19 Okay. Does CLG or any of its owners, officers, Ο. 20 or employees have any relationship that we have not 21 spoken about today with Daniel March? 22 Absolutely not. Α. 23 Same question with respect to Rosa Loli? Q. 24

I don't know who that is.

Rosa Bianca Loli?

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- A. I don't think I know who that is.
- Q. Same question Lisa Cohen?
- A. I don't know who that is. I know other Lisa
- 4 | Cohens, but I can't imagine the person that's identified
- 5 there is the same people I know.
- Q. Same question for Eng, E-n-g, last name Tang,
- $7 \mid T-a-n-q$?
- 8 A. I don't know who that is.
- 9 Q. Same question with respect to Maria Tan,
- 10 | T-a-n?
- 11 A. I don't know who that is.
- 12 Q. Same question with regard to Jake Akers,
- 13 | A-k-e-r-s?
- 14 A. I don't know who that is.
- 15 Q. Same question with regard to Han Trinh,
- 16 | T-r-i-n-h?
- A. I don't think I know who that is.
- 18 Q. Same question with respect to Jayde Trinh,
- 19 J-a-y-d-e, last name T-r-i-n-h?
- A. I don't think I know who that is.
- O. How about Wes Thomas?
- A. I also don't know who that is.
- Q. Scott Eadie, E-a-d-i-e.
- A. I don't know who that is.
- Q. Jimmy Chhor, C-h-h-o-r?

- A. I don't know who that is.
 - Q. Same question but with regard to the owners, officers, or directors of LGS Holdco, do you know whether they have any relationship with any of your co-defendants in the lawsuit filed by the trustee?
 - A. I don't believe so.
 - Q. And what do you base that belief from?
 - A. We have absolutely nothing to do with Tony Diab, Danny March, LPG in any capacity whatsoever.
 - Q. When you say "we", are you testifying on behalf of LGS Holdco when you say "we"?
- 12 A. CLG.

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- Q. Okay. But I'm asking now about LGS Holdco, which has been referenced as a related party on the partial stipulation of settlement?
- A. CLG would not have anything to do with anybody who has any affiliation with those LPG folk.
- Q. Okay. How about Liberty Acquisitions, same question?
- A. I don't know. I don't think so. Again, CLG has -- CLG and its people, its related tentacles if you will, have nothing to do with Tony or LPG or any of his people. I've had to clean up a lot of messes because of what he did.
 - Q. When you had your conversation with Mr. Diab 10

- months ago to get information of his network of local
 counsel, did you view his information as reliable or him
 as sort of an expert in the field?
 - A. I wouldn't call him an expert of anything, and I wouldn't call any of the information he gave me reliable. I asked him for a contact and that's what he gave me.

So it's not a matter of reliability or credibility. It's to the effect of, hey, do you know an attorney in the State of Louisiana that can represent me on this vacation house I'm buying? Yeah, sure. Call my friend John Doe. That's it, and then I called John Doe.

- Q. And with regard to future work by CLG on these customer files, does CLG have any intentions of entering into any type of relationship with Mr. Diab or any of his entities?
- A. That would be one of the highest levels of stupidity that I could ever think of.
- Q. Is Mr. Diab or any of his entities providing any of the consideration for the purchase of the debtor's assets?
 - A. Absolutely not.

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MR. ELGIDELY: With that, I have no further questions, Mr. Redhun. I know some of the attorneys

- that are present may have a question or two or a few questions. So I will turn it over to them at this time.
 - MR. RICHARDS: I'm actually going to cross him, like I told him I was, and then you can turn it over if someone wants to ask him some questions, but I'm going to keep my cross with your direct.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. RICHARDS:

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- Q. Mr. Redhun, has Tony Diab ever provided any direction to any lawyer working on the current CLG clients in the form of an email to the firm?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Has Tony Diab ever physically been present at the CLG offices and spoken with employees?
 - A. I don't believe so.
 - Q. Have you ever -- has an employee ever reported to you that they received direction from someone named Tony Diab?
 - A. No.
 - Q. With respect to your independence at the firm, has anybody that has provided funds to the firm given you any direction that you should ever compromise your professional ethics when representing CLG clients?
 - A. I would never compromise my professional ethics

- 1 | with anybody under any circumstances whatsoever.
 - Q. Who at CLG -- and I'm only talking between attorneys and others -- who has the final decision on all legal matters the firm is providing legal services for, the attorneys or somebody else?
 - A. Always the attorneys. Most likely me.
 - Q. Okay. With respect to the current clients that the firm is servicing, are you aware of any small claims action from any of those clients against the firm asking for any funds back?
- 11 A. No.

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- Q. Are you aware of any civil action in New York or surrounding counties for any funds back?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. With respect to the contention that the firm is

 "alter ego of LPG", I want to address my next question

 to that.
- You're familiar early on someone made that allegation?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you personally aware that if the firm was
 "alter ego of LPG", that there would be catastrophic
 consequences?
- A. Yes. That's my understanding.
- Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of whether

- my firm or Greenspoon would even represent an alter ego
 of Tony Diab in this case?
 - A. I can't imagine anybody who is reputable would.
 - Q. Okay. At any time that you've been representing -- working at CLG, has anybody told you to conceal that Tony Diab is really giving direction or providing capital to CLG?
- 9 A. Well, he's not so there's no need to conceal.

 10 The answer to your question is no.
 - Q. If someone hypothetically had given you that direction, would you follow it based on your understanding of the current posture of the bankruptcy case?
- A. Absolutely not.

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- Q. Would you immediately report that to my office if somebody asked you to hide Tony Diab's involvement with CLG in any way?
- 19 A. At a minimum.
- Q. Okay. And with respect to -- would you have
 any opposition reporting it to the OCC and to the
 trustee if you ever saw somehow Tony Diab appear at the
 firm?
- A. Would I have any opposition to that?
- Q. Yeah.

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- Q. Okay. And would you agree to report immediately to the OCC and the trustee and the United States Trustee if you ever saw any inclination that Tony Diab had any involvement in CLG from now through the time of purchase and afterwards?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. With respect to the attorneys that you supervise and the paralegals, have any of them ever reported to you that they're taking direction from anybody other than yourself and Mr. Kaufman?
 - A. Who? You mean, Mr. Weber?
- Q. Mr. Weber. I'm sorry. I got the name mixed up.
- 15 A. No.
 - Q. Did anybody report to you that they're taking direction from any other attorneys?
 - A. No. Some of the other attorneys may take direction from the other attorneys in the office, but everything remains within the office. Not a single outside influence whatsoever in any capacity.
 - Q. With respect to "capacity", you testified that you had a certain amount of attorneys and a certain amount of paralegals.
 - Are those the only people at CLG that service

- 1 | the existing client base? Yes or no.
- 2 A. No.

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- Q. Okay. Can you testify as to what types of people interface with the clients of CLG?
 - A. We have a slew of non-legal team personnel.
 - Q. Why is it important that when clients of CLG contact CLG that their calls are promptly addressed and answered?
 - A. Because I think the entire legal industry is a service industry, so we pride ourselves on the support and customer service that we give to our clients.
 - So given that our clients are generally facing the worst times of their life and, you know, future financial ruin, it would be wild to put them on hold or not return their calls. We offer a sort of a hand-holding in addition to the legal services that we provide.
- Q. How many customer service people answer client calls in a day at CLG?
 - A. I have no idea. It's a lot.
- Q. Do you know what your call-drop rate is?
- A. I do not.
- Q. Do you know what the call-drop rate is?
- A. What the terms are?
- 25 Q. Yes.

1 A. I can guess.

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- Q. Don't quess.
- If client calls were not being responded to, would that be something you would know about as the managing lawyer?
 - A. Very quickly.
- Q. Okay. And, again, these questions may sound trivial, but I need them in the record.
- If calls were not being returned, would that be something you would typically hear about?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And so is one of your -- have you heard that calls are not being returned at CLG?
- A. No, because we have a standing order to

 communicate and correspond with clients as quickly as

 humanly possible.
- Q. How many customer service people would you say you have on the floor at GLG and working out of their houses?
- A. I could only give you the ones that are on the floor. And probably no less than 50.
- Q. And are the phones busy all day long answering calls from clients?
- A. All day long.
- Q. And with respect to your refund procedure, does

- A. The customer service people can give a refund if asked.
- Q. So would you say the process is easy or cumbersome?
 - A. Which process?

- Q. Of getting a refund if someone calls customer service and just says they want a refund?
- What I'm trying to establish is, are there a lot of approvals or can customer service do it on the spot?
- A. Customer service can do it on the spot because otherwise we'd have clients held in limbo, we'd have quite an upset client base with us, and we would be facing other complaints which we don't face because of our approach and handling of consumer client refund requests.
- Q. If your firm acquired these files, which I'm not going to get into what we uncovered in the inspection, but let's say a range of 10,000 to 15,000 files -- I just want to throw out a hypothetical number -- do you see any problems in taking over the servicing of these clients with your present capacity

- 1 today? 2 Α. No. 3 Can you testify why you don't believe as the Ο. 4 managing lawyer -- strike that. 5 Do you know that you have an ethical obligation 6 to only take work that you can competently handle? Yes 7 or no. 8 Α. Yes. 9 Do you see any issues with you being the Ο. 10 managing lawyer of the current capacity of CLG in 11 acquiring the asset that's being proposed to be sold? 12 Α. We have no issue. We wouldn't be in this game, 13 and I wouldn't be testifying here today if there was an 14 issue. 15 And how many active litigation files do you 16 think you have presently for clients that are being 17 sued? I don't know if I have that number ready to 18 Α.
- qo. 20 Do you have a range? Is it like 1,000 to Ο.

- 21 2,000? Is it some sort of range?
- 22 It's probably closer to 2,000. I don't have an Α. 23 exact number.
- 24 Does the 2,000 files stay -- if you don't 0. 25 service the 2,000 litigation files and do nothing, does

- 1 that number grow or decrease?
 - A. Which number do you mean?
 - Q. Like, active litigation files -- let me lay a foundation.
 - Is it important to try to settle and resolve those cases or is it better to do nothing with respect to the amount of open litigation files?
 - A. We try to deal with every single one of them.

 And ignoring the files just leads to a spiraling bigger problem.
 - Q. Does each month, new litigation files come in, and other ones get closed? I'm just trying to understand the process for the record.
- 14 A. Yes.

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- Q. Can you just explain that? Because at LPG, if these clients aren't being handled, then the litigation files could grow over there.
- So I'm trying to understand, if you could
 testify how that works, just in a general sense, so it's
 clear for the record?
- A. Sure. And I want to use two hypothetical clients as an example.
- Client A can have five debts enrolled with

 Consumer Legal Group. Three of those debts could

 escalate to litigation while they're with us. If we

don't do anything with those three, aside from the catastrophic consequences to that particular client, the likelihood of the other two debts that are enrolled with us, would also be escalated to litigation. Now, we would have five.

If we're going to settle and start working on resolutions or invalidation of those particular debts, we would also look to make some sort of deal or resolution on the other two debts. So that number -- that particular client could have five active debts and at any given moment, some of those debts could be in litigation and some not.

Conversely, you could have one client with one debt that's enrolled with us. That debt could be resolved before litigation and that debt could be resolved after litigation has commenced or six months after litigation has commenced.

So that particular client, let's assume that God forbid we drop the ball with respect to that client, that dropping the ball is isolating to that particular client wouldn't affect the numbers. Whereas, dropping the ball with Client A, for example, would lead to bigger problems.

Q. Okay. When I came to CLG to inspect the offices and saw the people working, were those real

- 1 | people working on the floor or were they actors?
 - A. They're all real people.
 - Q. Has anybody ever instructed you to withhold any materials from the trustee's office or from my office if we've requested them?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Okay. With respect to the files that you would -- let me strike that.
- Can you testify as to how mail is typically sorted from these clients?
- A. We have a mail house where everything -- the incoming is open, scanned, sent to an email address, and uploaded to our portal. When those things happen, there are certain tasks that get triggered based on some of those transpiring events.
- For example, if there's a legal document that comes through, the legal team is tagged, and there's a task created for the legal team to review that particular document. So we have multiple ways of making sure that we hit all of the pieces of mail and that nothing falls through.
- Q. Do you have sort of an estimate as to how quickly you process mail?
 - A. Within a couple of days.
 - Q. Okay. With respect to the current debtor, you

went and visited the current debtor; correct?

A. We visited Phoenix.

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- Q. And because we signed an MDA, I'm not going to ask you anything about what you saw. But generally, if I told you that the debtor's mail was not being uploaded or not being scanned, is that a problem generally in your business?
 - A. It's a monumental problem.
- Q. So would you say that uploading, scanning, and processing mail is extremely important?
 - A. It's like checking an inbox for court.
- Q. So do you believe that CLG -- let's say, hypothetically there was 20,000 pieces of mail that was uploaded.
- How would CLG, if it acquired these files, how would they get up to speed quickly with unopened mail? What would you do?
- That's what I'm saying. How are you going to handle that problem which is a lot of pieces of mail?
- A. Once we open all of the unopened mail and it's uploaded, we look for triage. So we look for things that have actual pending litigation matters tied to those particular files. And then we would have at least one paralegal start looking at that particular file within the court to see what the status is of that

particular file, while another paralegal looks up and opens up the next one.

Based on what the first person finds, it might be too late. You know, a default judgment might have already been entered. In which case, I'll move to the next one to see if I can save that file, vis-á-vis the client having been served but no responsive pleading is due yet. Or where there's a motion for a default judgment filed in which case we can oppose it or send it to local counsel immediately to have it opposed.

Certain files are going to have a garnishment attached to them because there was no action taken on them for quite a while. Those are effectively, for a lack of better way of saying it, dead on arrival. So those would take the least priority of everything that we'd be looking at.

- Q. Okay. So, do you have sort of a plan if the court approved the sale, how you're going to tackle those files?
 - A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Could you just -- in a big picture, just outline how you're going to allocate the resources to deal -- again, this is just a potential issue that may come up -- is unopened mail. How are you going to deal with that?

A. Once we get the mail open, scanned, and	
uploaded, I have one paralegal who is phenomenal. She'	s
amazing. She's super efficient. I would have her take	٠,
I would say the head, I would have another one take a	
tail, and have them start working it up.	
And then we have a different paralegal who's	
really good at looking up different individual	

courthouses through their online websites and calling

the court to find out the status of individual files.

I have the local liaison paralegal on standby ready to dispatch emergency files to various local counsels. And we also have the attorneys ready to go to make judgment calls based on how to file particular files.

Not to mention, of course, that we have other paralegals that can step in and fill in a lot of those different roles and really start going through, what we call in our office, kind of like the review summons test.

So immediately, I would put probably about four paralegals on the review summons. We break it up by numbers or by letters -- I don't know. We would figure that part out.

And then once we have that information elicited, it would go to the next layer of people to

- start looking into these specific files. And then we have the next layer of what to do with those particular files.
 - Q. And when you finally absorb those files, do you have an estimate as to like an outside amount of time that once mail is not answered, it becomes irreversible or do you just have to try your best once you get the unopened mail?
 - A. We would try our best.

First of all, there's almost nothing that is irreversible. Our worst case scenario is when a client was personally served, owes the debt, and the creditor followed all the proper procedures in getting a default judgment which led to a garnishment. In those cases there's really not a whole lot you can do. Even vacating a default judgment, you need to show a meritorious defense and a reasonable excuse for the default, neither of which we would be able to show in this particular case. Those we just skip over to the next one.

- Q. When counsel showed you the Better Business Bureau, do you have an understanding as to whether or not the Better Business Bureau's complaints will even let you open closed complaints once they're closed?
 - A. I don't have any knowledge about the Better

- Business Bureau. What I could say is that, even if everything on there is true and accurate, everything they're saying is right, that's such a statistical drop in the overall bucket of what we're showing. Not to mention that half of garbage was related to LPG and dealt with refunds, and we have an overwhelmingly favorable refund policy. That is so non-important and not relevant to me. I couldn't care less about that.
- Q. Are there any other websites that you're aware of where you have positive reviews?
- A. Yeah. I'm not the Internet guy. I think it's called Trust Pilot.
 - Q. Trust Pilot, okay.

And if the U.S. Trustee or the OCC contacts somebody on the Better Business Bureau side, and for whatever reason they haven't gotten a refund yet, would these one or two people, out of thousands of clients, would you be immediately willing to give them a refund, as the managing attorney, if somehow this refund was overlooked?

- A. Almost certainly.
 - Q. Would you be willing to commit to that now --
- 23 A. Yes.

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Q. -- if somebody pulled a customer out of the hat and said, I found one out of 20,000 that didn't get a

refund or a fee like the person would, would you immediately promise to make sure their fee is refunded?

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- A. Yes. It would be illogical for us not to do that.
 - Q. With respect to the 12 complaints you saw in a year, did you find that -- when you say, "a drop in the bucket" or some other word, would you find that statistically material that out of thousands of clients someone filed a complaint?
 - A. I don't think it would rise to maybe even half of one percent.
 - Q. Did you ever warrant to anyone that a client of a lawyer would never file a complaint against a law firm?
 - A. I don't warrant anything to anybody about anything. It's one of the ethical rules and guidelines, other than we will do our best to help you. That I can promise everybody.
 - Q. But sitting here today, are you aware of any client of CLG that has an ongoing complaint with CLG for a refund of a fee or their actual payments that were made that CLG has not resolved? That's the big question.
 - A. No. If anybody came to my office to talk to me

- about a refund, I will throw them out and tell them to give it back to them.
 - Q. So are you aware that Tony Diab had a different posture when it came to refunds or not?
 - A. I have no idea what he did. Nothing surprises me.
 - Q. Okay. If someone had advanced or lent money to CLG told you, please don't give a refund because it affects our bottom line, would you ever follow that advice?
 - A. That's stupid.
- Q. Okay. In other words, is there any reason you could think that your independent judgment as the lawyer running CLG is influenced by any other person or source?
 - A. It is not.
 - Q. It is not, okay.
- And with respect to your background, have you handled large escrows in the New York area in real estate deals?
- 21 A. Yes.

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Q. Could you just give the Committee just sort of
an example of the transactional dollar amount of
purchases you've handled as a lawyer as a fiduciary for
various parties?

- 1 Α. I think the highest one I've ever dealt was a 2 \$175 million purchase. Recently, I was involved with --3 probably about two months ago with the \$17 million 4 purchase. 5 I'm in the process right now -- I say we, but 6 it's really my clients -- we bought portfolio property 7 in New Jersey for, I think, \$6.8 million and we're 8 selling it now for about \$9.2. We have staggered
- 11 Q. Okay. I want to be clear for the record.

purchases on a weekly/monthly basis.

Your firm specifically handled a \$175 million transaction, money coming in and money coming out of your account; is that correct, sir?

closing so I'm involved with millions of dollars of

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- Q. Do you have any military training and background?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you please tell the Committee what your military training and background is?
- A. I volunteered for the Israeli military back in 22 2002.
 - Q. And what was your role in the military?
- A. I was the gunner of a combat tank division.
 - Q. And how long were you in the Israeli defense

My name is Ken Misken.

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I'm the Assistant

- 1 United States Trustee. Can you just tell me what states you're 2 3 admitted to the state bar in? 4 New York and New Jersey. Α. 5 And do you actively practice in those two Ο. 6 jurisdictions? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Do you appear in state courts? Ο. 9 And federal courts. Α. 10 And federal courts. In both? Ο. 11 Α. Yes. 12 Are there any other jurisdictions in which you Ο. appear on behalf of clients? 13 14 Α. No. 15 How about the lawyers that are employed by 16 Consumer Legal Group, which jurisdictions are they 17 admitted in? 18 New York and New Jersey. One of them -- no, I Α. 19 think that's it. I know one of them was working on --20 she passed the bar in one particular state, and we're 21 working on trying to get her admitted in that state, but New York and New Jersey. 22 23 Q. Do you recall what state that was?
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Do you know what jurisdictions Consumer Legal

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Q.

1 Group attorneys are actively representing consumers? 2 that just New York and New Jersey? 3 Α. Correct. 4 Ken, can I just clarify? MR. RICHARDS: 5 Do you mean if they get local counsel and they 6 are pro hac'd in? 7 No, directly. The Consumer Legal MR. MISKEN: 8 Group attorneys themselves. Not getting local counsel 9 or affiliated counsel to represent the consumers. 10 THE WITNESS: Just New York and New Jersey 11 where we are admitted. We wouldn't go anywhere else. 12 BY MR. MISKEN: 13 And that would be both in state court and Ο. 14 federal court? 15 I don't know if they're admitted in Α. Yes. 16 federal court, but I know that I am. So I would be 17 doing those if we went there. 18 And you may have said this earlier, but Ο. Okav. 19 in paragraph 15 of your declaration that's attached to 20 the trustee's motion to sale, you state that CLG uses 21 proprietary software to operate its business? 22 Α. Yes, sir. 23 What software is that? Ο.

I know -- I don't know what it's formally

I know what we call it. It's called Debt Pay

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called.

- Q. Does CLG have a privacy policy?
- A. What do you mean?
- Q. Earlier I believe you testified that you drafted some specific SOPs and said that you have general policies.

Do any of those general policies have privacy policies regarding, you know, client information?

- A. We have the privacy policies that's part of our website. I also make it a point of telling every single new hire, and pretty frequently, that -- you know, like Fight Club. The first word about us is you don't speak about us. So everybody is really under tight-lipped.
- Q. And then with regard to the sale, CLG is proposing to purchase this consumer's client accounts; correct?
- A. Yeah, but it's not that simple. Clients have a right to choose counsel that they want. So, you know, we follow the ethical rules as part of that acquisition, and the clients have a right to say no to us.
- Q. Do you know as part of that transaction if CLG receives a client file, will CLG also be receiving that client's bank account information?
- A. Well, once the client signs a new agreement with CLG, part of that new agreement and the information

- that's requested is that client's bank account information.
 - Q. So the trustee will not be transferring client bank account information to CLG?
 - A. I don't know that I can answer that question.
 - MR. RICHARDS: Ken, I think they use a processor. If you have a concern about that we could certainly address it. We don't need the client banking information. There's a 90-day window, but we could discuss that off-line if you want. Definitely, it's not going to be floating around.
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- Q. But you will be receiving copies of the legal services agreements, right, from each consumer that LPG signed with them?
 - A. Maybe. I couldn't care less about that. What I care about is my stuff.
 - Q. Okay. So you don't know if you'll actually be receiving any bank account information; correct?
 - A. I don't know. And again, when they come to us, it's kind of like a fresh start.
 - Q. Any other personally identifiable information, do you know whether Consumer Legal Group will be getting like date of birth, home address, email address, or any of that type of information?

A.	I don't know, but I know that part of the
informat	ion that we get and we need in order to do our
jobs pro	perly is requesting a lot of that information.

So regardless of whether the trustee sends us that information for a particular client, we kind of just get -- think about it like this. We disregard that until the client signs a new service agreement with us and which we ask for that information anyway.

- Q. What would happen if a client file is transferred from the estate to Consumer Legal Group but then the consumer does not sign a new agreement with Consumer Legal Group?
 - A. That is a good question.

I don't know that I would feel comfortable servicing a client that hasn't formally engaged us to service them or represent them. I don't know that ethically we have the right to represent them.

I would like for my own protection, when I say "me", I mean CLG, we would want powers of attorney, legal services agreement signed, you know, giving us privity with that particular client. Clients that refuse, I don't know. I probably would turn those away.

MR. MISKEN: Okay. I think those are all the questions I have. Thank you.

1	THE WITNESS: Thank you.		
2	MR. RICHARDS: All right. Great. Thank you		
3	very much.		
4	MR. COUSINEAU: No questions at this point.		
5	MR. ELGIDELY: I was just going to tell the		
6	witness that, obviously, he has the right to read his		
7	deposition or to waive the right to read his deposition.		
8	Of course, to the extent he reads and makes any		
9	substantive changes to his testimony that we have the		
10	right to recall the witness and inquire about those		
11	changes.		
12	But, Mr. Redhun, we need you to state on the		
13	record at this time whether you would like to read or		
14	waive?		
15	THE WITNESS: I would like to read.		
16	MR. RICHARDS: We would like to read it. And		
17	you can send it to my office ronaldrichards.com. The		
18	court reporter can send me the copy you want him to		
19	review.		
20	MR. ELGIDELY: Thank you.		
21	MR. RICHARDS: Thank you very much.		
22	THE STENOGRAPHER: We are going off the record.		
23	The time is 12:56 p.m.		
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25	CERTIFICATE OF STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER		

1 2 I, CARA M. FOSTER, a Stenographic Certified 3 Shorthand Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter, 4 hereby certify that the witness in the foregoing 5 deposition: 6 That JASON REDHUN, the witness whose deposition 7 is hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn by me before 8 the commencement of such deposition and that such 9 deposition was taken before me and is a true record of 10 the testimony given by such witness. 11 I further certify that the deposition of 12 JASON REDHUN, occurred remotely via videoconference on 13 Monday, July 17, 2023, commencing at 7:04 a.m. to 12:56 14 p.m. PST. 15 I further certify that I am not related to any 16 of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, I am 17 not employed by or an attorney to any of the parties to 18 this action, and that I am in no way interested, 19 financially or otherwise, in the outcome of this matter. 2.0 21 22 23 24

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Re: The Litigation Practice Group, P.C. Date of Deposition: July 17, 2023

The transcript of your deposition taken in the above-entitled matter has been transcribed. The original transcript will be held for 30 days from the date of this letter before it is sealed and forwarded to the noticing attorney.

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2. <u>SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL</u>: On (*date*) <u>July 19, 2023,</u> I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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July 19, 2023	Leslie Skorheim	/s/ Leslie Skorheim	
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